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Dayan meeting Carter today; U.S. insists all jets in one lot

Would cancel Israel sale if Arabs blocked

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Carter administration is threatening to withdraw its request for advanced F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft to Israel if Congress blocks the sale of either the proposed F-15s to Saudi Arabia or the F-5Es to Egypt.

Senior administration officials are warning that the sales to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, as announced by the administration on Tuesday, must be considered by Congress as a package deal, with one sale reinforcing the others.

There is no serious opposition in Congress to the nearly $2b. sale of 75 F-16 and 15 F-15 aircraft to Israel, but a major debate is expected over the $3b. sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Several key members of the Senate Foreign Relations and the House International Relations Committees have expressed the intention to introduce resolutions of disapproval to block the Arab sales.

The administration will formally notify Congress of the package deal after the Easter congressional recess, which ends on April 3. Thereafter, Congress will have 30 calendar days to veto the sales by means of resolutions of disapproval which must be passed in both houses by majority votes.

The American Jewish leadership is actively opposing the Egyptian and Saudi sales.

In a widely-circulated memorandum, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has outlined a strong case against both sales, stressing that they will "raise tensions and upset the military balance in the Middle East."

"The F-15 is the most advanced air-superiority fighter in the world," the memorandum said. "It is capable of long-range attacks and interception. F-15s would enable Saudi Arabia to strike deep into Israel."

The proposed F-5E sale to Egypt represents a major shift in U.S. arms transfer policy toward Egypt. Sine 1955 it has been U.S. policy not to provide major offensive weapons to Egypt. The F-5E is an offensive plane, described by its manufacturer, Northrop, as having "excellent combat agility, accurate fire control systems air-to-air and air-to-ground."

The AIPAC memorandum said the F-5E is used by the U.S. Air Force to simulate the Soviet-made Mig-21 in mock dog-fights. "In recent fly-offs between the F-5E and the more advanced F-14 and F-15, U.S. authorities found that the F-5E surpassed all expectations," it said. It quoted a January 9, 1978 "U.S. News and World Report" article as saying: "The supposedly inferior F-5Es have fought superior F-14s and F-15s to a deadly draw."

The F-5E, as an interceptor and ground-attack bomber, carries two Sidewinder missiles, two 20mm cannons, radar for air-to-air search and range-tracking, and over three tons of mixed ordnance — five times the load of the Mig-21, but it is equipped with more advanced electronics and greater tactical flexibility. Newer models of the F-5E are equipped with in-flight refuelling capacility and have been redesigned to carry the deadly television-guided Maverick air-to-ground missile."

Senior administration officials said on Tuesday that Mavericks would not be suppled to Egypt at this stage, although other sources here said that the F-5Es will have the capability of using them if they should be supplied later. Saudi Arabia already has received 110 F-5Es with Maverick missiles.

James Reston, "The New York" columnist, yesterday noted that an attempt will be made in Congress to authorize the Israeli part of the deal and reject the Saudi Arabian part. "But the administration is insisting that this (package) arrangement maintains the balance of power, that it has to be taken or rejected together, and if planes are approved for Israel and rejected for Saudi Arabia or Egypt, the administration will call the whole thing off."

Reston concluded therefore that the Congress is likely to approve the package deal, "after hard debate, for Israel is not likely to get such modern planes anywhere but the U.S., whereas Egypt and Saudi Arabia can get modern planes in Western Europe."

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Invitation to Begin 'doesn't mean crisis'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Informed sources here revealed late yesterday that President Carter is to meet with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan at the White House today, and that the President is expected to reassure Dayan of continued U.S. support for Israel.

The meeting apparently was arranged at the last minute, as Dayan previously had been scheduled to meet only with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

During the talks at the State Department, Dayan can be expected to protest against the proposed Egyptian and Saudi aircraft sales, as well as to express Israel's concern over recent U.S. statements condemning Israel settlements in the territories. Vance had repeated on Tuesday evening that the settlements "should not exist" because they were contrary to international law and obstacles to peace.

At the same time, the U.S. said that Prime Minister Begin's visit to Washington next month should not be interpreted as reflecting a "crisis" in U.S.-Israel relations.

The State Department spokesman yesterday said that Begin's visit is "totally unrelated" to the current controversy here over the Administration's proposed sale of fighter aircraft to Arab states.

The White House, in confirming the Begin-Carter talks, said that the Prime Minister would arrive here "at a mutually convenient time in the early part of March."

The U.S. statement said: "The invitation is based on our feeling that it is important to have a thorough discussion with Prime Minister Begin at this time, similar to the conversations that the President had with President Sadat of Egypt. The talks, of cours e, are part of our continuing efforts to contribute to the peace process."

It went on: "We are confident that this kind of quiet exchange held in the spirit of deep friendship between Israel and the U.S. will enable us better to continue our active efforts to help the parties move forward."

Following the sharp Israel reaction yesterday to the proposed aircraft sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, especially the Prime Minister's remarks in the Knesset, American officials deemed it important to try to publicly reassure Israel and its supporters here of continued strong U.S. support for Israel.

At his daily news briefing, the spokesman volunteered a lengthy statement describing American-Israel ties as "enduring and strong."

The statement acknowledged that Washington and Jerusalem "differ on some issues. Part of that relationship, as is always the case between close friends, is a frank airing of differences.

"But these differences do not in the least detract from our common search for peace and the lasting commitment of the U.S. to the security of Israel. We do not believe that the arms decisions announced yesterday altered the basic military balance in the Middle East, nor do they hamper the continuing effort to reach an overall peace settlement in the Middle East.

"In our view, those decisions contribute to the legitimate security needs of the countries involved and give them confidence to continue supporting the movement toward a negotiated settlement."

Vance said on Tuesday evening that the U.S. was aware of the strong Israel opposition to the arms sales before it went ahead with the announcement. The Secretary said the package deal had been "carefully considered."

"We explained our decision to Israel," the spokesman said. "We hope that in the days ahead, as our consultative process with Congress proceeds, that the reservations being expressed about the decisions will be answered."

Regarding the Israel fear that U.S. mercenaries might be hired by Saudi Arabia to fly the F-15's — as expressed by Israel sources here — the spokesman said: "I assume we would take steps to prevent Americans from fighting against Israel."

And asked about a report that Paul Warnke, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, a U.S. government body, had opposed sale of F-15's to Saudi Arabia, the spokesman replied: "Contrary to that report, ACDA supported the sale of F-15's to Saudi Arabia as part of a Middle East package."

In addition to seeing Carter and Vance today Dayan is scheduled to meet with the House International Relations Committee — the Senate is in recess — and to hold an open press conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Later in the evening he is due to return to Israel.

Salisbury accord on black rule plan

SALISBURY (AP). — Rhodesia's white minority government and black nationalist politicians agreed yesterday to a constitutional framework for black majority rule with safeguards for the nation's whites.

Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three internally based black leaders emerged smiling from an afternoon meeting to announce the breakthrough agreement.

Smith hailed the accord as a "victory for moderation."

"We have succeeded in overcoming because we have shown tremendous patience and we were not prepared to give in," said the leader who led Rhodesia's 268,000 whites in breaking away from Britain 12 years ago to forestall rule by the 6.7m. black majority.

The eight-point agreement calls for a 100-member parliament with 28 seats reserved for whites for at least 10 years to safeguard their interests.

Still to be resolved are the composition and creation of an interim government to draw up a black majority rule constitution, the drafting of the new constitution, the makeup of the armed forces and dates for the elections leading to black rule.

The agreement, however, is unlikely to halt the guerrilla war led by black nationalist movements based in Mozambique and Zambia. The leaders of the guerrillas, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, have rejected the just-concluded internal settlement talks as a "farce."

Nor has the agreement taken Rhodesia to the stage where the breakaway British colony can expect the UN to lift economic sanctions in force for more than a decade.

For the first time since the negotiations opened 11 weeks ago, Smith left the negotiating hall in the plush white suburb of Highlands with the black leaders — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Chief Jeremiah Chirau and Elliot Gabellah, standing in for the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole.

Sithole left Rhodesia, reportedly en-route to London for consultations with British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

The agreement paved the way to setting up a transitional government, which would include the negotiating parties and would work in tandem with the existing government to write a constitution, prepare for one-man, one-vote elections, restructure the white-led but mainly black security forces and seek a ceasefire with the guerrillas.

Asked how close an interim government was, Gabellah said: "As close as I am to you now." Chirau interjected: "It could be days."

After chatting briefly with reporters, all delegations headed in their cars toward town. Astonished white commuters watched a line of vehicles proceeding down Enterprise Road with fists triumphantly thrust through the windows in a "black power" salute.

The agreement calls for:

- A bill of rights and protection against nationalization or seizure of property and land.
- A free and competent judiciary.
- An independent public service board to maintain an efficient service.
- Non-political civil service, police, armed services, and prison services.
- Guarantees that pensions be freely paid outside Rhodesia.
- Permission for Rhodesians to maintain double citizenship.
- A 100-seat parliament with 28 seats reserved for whites as a blocking mechanism to make sure that their constitutional privileges are not touched for at least 10 years.
- Election of 20 of the whites by whites only, and nomination of candidates for the remaining eight by whites and their election by both whites and blacks.

Smith, asked whether the eight-point agreement was signed or initialled, said: "What does it matter? We're dealing with men of honour."

At the UN, U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young expressed scepticism about the settlement and said the U.S. and Britain still had a part to play in the issue.

TA Maccabi out-points Mobilgirgi

By STEVE KAPLAN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defending European Cup Champions Tel Aviv Maccabi won an important 91-80 victory over Mobilgirgi last night at Yad Eliahu sports stadium in a final round game of the European Cup of Champions.

The first half was typified by nervousness on both sides, as neither team could gain a decisive advantage. Maccabi stayed ahead thanks to fine rebounding and Mickey Berkowitz's 13 points.

Tal Brodie played his first game in two months and supplied eight crucial points, helping Maccabi gain a 43-40 half-time lead. Maccabi's Jim Boatwright was the hero of the second half, scoring 18 of his 22 total points on medium-range jump shots.

With Mobilgirgi players in foul trouble, the Maccabi lead went to 11 points, but could not break the 13-point difference which Maccabi needed. Maccabi must now hope for Mobilgirgi loss to Yugoslavia to gain a spot in the championship game.

If the Italians and Maccabi end up with the same number of losses in final round play, the Italians will get the remaining spot by virtue of their 8-point win over Maccabi in Varese.

Zorea quits Knesset because politics 'dirty'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Meir Zorea of the Democratic Movement for Change resigned from the Knesset yesterday, declaring that politics is "a dirty business" and he could "have no part in it."

Zorea, a major-general in the Israel Defence Forces reserve and a former O/C Northern Command, returns to his home kibbutz, Ma'agan Michael. The next man on the DMC list, insurance tycoon Shlomo Eliahu, will enter the Knesset in Zorea's place next week.

Zorea could not reconcile his own hawkish views with the majority opinion in the DMC and he was elbowed aside from positions of influence in the faction, especially after the dovish Shinui wing of the DMC appeared on the point of splitting away.

Zorea told newsmen yesterday that the DMC had disappointed the hopes of its supporters. Although he was sure that 50,000 voters had put him into the Knesset, he was not ready to start a new faction or cross to another existing one. He would not stick to his seat on principle although he believed that the Shinui wing, which had threatened a split, would not have returned their seats to the faction.

He came to the Knesset out of a sense of duty and he was a man of his word, Zorea said. He would never

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Meir Zorea

Begin: Going to see Carter next month

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin announced yesterday that he had just received an invitation from U.S. President Jimmy Carter to come to Washington for three days of political talks. He said he would be going some time next month.

The Prime Minister was replying in the Knesset to five urgent motions for the agenda regarding statements by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on the nature of the arrangements being negotiated between Israel and its Arab neighbours. He said that Israel has no alternative but to react to statements by Vance that the Sinai settlements should "not exist," because such statements are "most painful to us."

Israel and the U.S. ought to "agree to disagree" over the settlements in the Rafiah area, Begin said. Israel had ascertained that the settlements were not (as Washington claims) illegal under international law, he added.

Begin declared: "We have overcome such situations with the U.S. in the past and we shall overcome the present situation."

He urged the U.S. President to reconsider his proposal to sell Saudi Arabia ultra-modern warplanes. Riyadh had already promised one of Israel's neighbours that it will give it these planes in the event of a new war, he said. The U.S. sale had thus turned Saudi Arabia into a front-line state, despite any commitments to the contrary.

He also urged Carter to reconsider his proposal to sell Egypt offensive aircraft, since the sale would constitute a serious obstacle to the peace-negotiating process.

At Ismailiya, Begin said, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had given him an explicit promise that the Egyptian army would not move east of the Mitla and the Gidi passes in Sinai under a peace agreement. Now Sadat is talking only of "the main body" of his army, Begin complained.

Israel had built on Sadat's promise to demilitarize the Sinai east of the Mitla and the Gidi as a key foundation of its peace plan, Begin said. Israel had recalled this promise when it submitted its plan, and Sadat had not gone back on it until he visited Washington.

Begin recalled that in 1957 Israel agreed to withdraw from the Gaza Strip in return for a promise from the then Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, that the Egyptian army would not move into the Strip. When the Egyptians did move in, 24 hours later, Dulles threw up his

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Herut-Hatzohar parley

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The jubilee conference of the Herut-Hatzohar movement opened last night in Jerusalem's Binyenei Ha'ooma, in the presence of President Ephraim Katzir, Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, and over 1,000 delegates.

Chouraqui being considered as candidate for president

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Andre Chouraqui, the former deputy mayor of Jerusalem who recently received a gold medal from the French Academy, is regarded as a serious candidate for the presidency, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Born in Algeria in 1917, Chouraqui is a favourite candidate of Sephardi groups who want to see a member of their community as President of Israel. Although nominally a member of the Labour Party, he is not identified as strongly as a party spokesman and supporter as is MK Yitzhak Navon, who has stated his unwillingness to be a candidate.

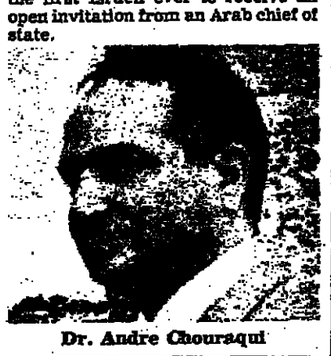
Reliable sources close to Prime Minister Menahem Begin told *The Post* that Chouraqui is one of the names being considered. President Ephraim Katzir is stepping down from office next month — despite being offered a second term by the Prime Minister. The sources said that "party affiliation will not be a factor" in the selection process.

Chouraqui declined to comment last night on whether he is a candidate.

In a rare honour, Chouraqui was last month presented the French Academy medal for his literary work, particularly his recently published, 26-volumes of the Jewish and Christian Bibles. He has also written 25 books, some of which have been translated into nine languages.

Married and the father of five, Chouraqui received a law degree from the Sorbonne and was awarded the Legion d'Honnneur by President de Gaulle.

He made headlines when he visited Morocco's King Hassan last March, the first Israeli ever to receive an open invitation from an Arab chief of state.



Dr. Andre Chouraqui

Beirut crash sparks clash

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Two Syrian soldiers were killed and a Lebanese man was wounded in a gun battle after a car accident in a Christian suburb of Beirut yesterday, informed sources said.

The sources said the clash came a few hours after a young girl was shot dead by a sniper.

More than 150 people died in fighting last week between Syrian peacekeeping troops and Lebanese Army units and right-wing militias in Christian east Beirut.

The sources said yesterday's incident started when a Syrian jeep collided with a private car and an angry crowd gathered. Some of the Syrian soldiers fired in the air to disperse the crowd and there was an exchange of fire.

The Jerusalem Post reporter adds from Metulla:

A two-hour exchange of fire broke out yesterday morning between the terrorist stronghold in Talbe and the southern outpost of the Lebanese forces in Har Nebi Awedi, opposite Kibbutz Misgav Am. Both sides used mortars and machineguns. The explosions of shells which fell on Nebi Awedi were easily heard from here, and the mushroom clouds could be clearly seen.

At Kibbutz Misgav Am curious onlookers went to the border fence as soon as the firing started. They could see Talbe and clapped each time the terrorist stronghold was hit.

Lance-corporal Begin made general by Polish exiles

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The "Government of the Republic of Poland in Exile," based here, has decided to promote Prime Minister Menahem Begin from the rank of lance-corporal, which he attained when in the Polish Army, to brigadier-general.

Begin's career in the Polish Army has been highlighted with the reissue of his book, "White Nights — the Story of a Prisoner in Russia," which was reissued here in December to coincide with his official visit to Britain.

The Polish Government-in-Exile was set up after World War II when hundreds of thousands of Poles who fought with the Allies under British command decided to settle here rather than return to their native country. It is estimated that as many as 200,000 were involved. The "government" has little or no standing though at one stage it did have accreditation to Franco's Spain and to the Vatican. It is headed now by Count Julius Sokolnicki.

At one time, the commander-in-chief of the Polish forces in exile was General Anders, who was often accused of anti-Semitism. He delighted in answering such charges by saying that he had given the Jewish State Menahem Begin.

Atherton may become roving ambassador

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said that he is considering nominating Assistant Secretary Alfred Atherton as an "ambassador-at-large."

In a national public television inteview, Vance said that Atherton's continuing shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East is preventing him from exercising his other responsibilities as head of the State Department's Near East Affairs Bureau, and, therefore, it might be better to promote Atherton and name someone else as assistant secretary.

The State Department yesterday said that Atherton would be leaving this weekend to resume the Cairo-Jerusalem shuttle "more or less indefinitely."

Share prices plunge for second day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — For the second consecutive day yesterday, share prices suffered heavy setbacks on the stock exchange. Sellers appeared to be selling at any price.

The lack of confidence in the market found expression also in the poor investment reaction to excellent financial reports recently submitted by a number of companies. Observers attribute the lack of confidence to statements by the Finance Minister on taxation of capital gains.

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Carter fails in bid to end coal strike

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Coal industry bosses yesterday rejected President Carter's call to attend White House negotiations aimed at ending the longest strike by mine workers in American history.

Now 73 days old, the strike has brought fuel stocks in some states to dangerously low levels and threatens to cause widespread layoffs of workers in other industries.

Carter on Tuesday invited the producers' organization, the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, to come to the White House

Consumer Price Index up by 2.3 per cent in January

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Consumer Price Index rose by 2.3 per cent in January and reached 170.4 points (based on the 1976 average of 100).

The index, without fruits and vegetables, rose by 2.1 per cent. The rise was caused especially by an increase of 11.7 per cent in health services and fruits and vegetables by 4.5 per cent. End of season sales brought down prices of clothing and footwear by 3.8 per cent, thus slowing down the rise of the CPI.

If the CPI climbs by two per cent this month, the cost-of-living allowance, payable at the beginning of May for April, will be 7.5 per cent, or about IL590 per month for the highest wages.

The Consumer Price Index has risen by 16.6 per cent since the new economic policy was adopted last October and is now 26.6 per cent higher than the average prices of 1977, and 70.4 per cent higher than average prices of 1976.

In January food prices went up by 2 per cent, housing by 0.9 per cent, house maintenance by 2.6 per cent, furniture and household goods by 3.2 per cent, education and entertainment by 2.1 per cent, and transportation and postage by 3.9 per cent.

Wholesale prices rose by 1.2 per cent to reach 128 points. Prices of mortgage loans rose by 7 per cent in the last quarter of 1977 compared to the third quarter of 1977.

In Jerusalem prices of apartments rose by 2.2 per cent, in Tel Aviv by 2.6 per cent and in Haifa by 5.8 per cent.

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The category of 'Palestinian Arabs'...

...or "Arabs of Eretz Yisrael" lumps together the residents of Judea and Samaria and of the Gaza Strip. But the classification doesn't always fit, and there are distinct differences between the two groups, writes Amnon Cohen.

S. Yizhar, the author of 'Hirbet Hiza,' talks with Rochelle Furstenburg.

Yehuda Amichai, recognized internationally as Israel's leading living poet, is interviewed by Howard Schwartz.

An institution for retarded adults in Jerusalem's German Colony is embroiled in a dispute with its neighbours. Susan Bellos finds out what's the problem.

Egypt is much more than Cairo, discovers Wim Van Leer on a cruise up the Nile from Luxor to Aswan.

Martha Meisels finds out about the egg industry; and **Haim Shapiro** scrambles us up a tasty omelet.

Alex Berlyne takes a prejudiced look at names.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair, with a marked drop in temperatures and a rise in humidity due to a shift of winds to westerly.

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Jerusalem	19	14—23	17
Golan	23	18—23	18
Nahariya	26	19—27	20
Safad	34	10—16	16
Haifa Port	27	16—25	21
Tiberias	36	9—26	23
Nazareth	26	15—22	18
Afula	28	8—25	21
Shomron	20	16—24	19
Tel Aviv	17	16—30	22
B-G Airport	10	13—30	21
Jericho	23	10—27	23
Gaza	13	13—32	27
Beersheba	13	15—30	22
Eilat	17	12—27	25
Tiran Straits	25	17—28	26

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a delegation of investors and public officials of Moroccan origin now living in France.

He also received the managers of "Ma'ariv," who presented him with the newly published book "Headlines — 30 years of Ma'ariv."

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Wise, Minister of Energy Yitzhak Modai, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Mexican Ambassador Roberto Casellas yesterday attended the inauguration of the George S. Wise Chair in Sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The inaugural lecture was given by Prof. Joseph Ben-David.

The ZOA House English-language institute of Israel studies opens its second seminar on "Israel and the Arab World," with a lecture by Prof. I. Rabinowitz on "The basic guidelines of U.S. policy towards Israel and the Arab world," tonight at 8.30, at the ZOA house, Tel Aviv.

A chamber music concert for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis League will be given tonight at 8.30 at the Jerusalem Theatre, under the patronage of the Minister of Health. Shoshana Rudiakov, piano, Cilla Grossmeyer, soprano, and Paul Schlossman, oboe.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Joachim Schneeweiss, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, to participate in the 29th Zionist Congress.

Rabbi Eliezer Bernstein, president of American Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, for the Zionist Congress.

Mrs. Samuel Bellows, American Mizrachi Women national vice-president; Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, honorary national president; and Mrs. Louis Schreiber, honorary national president, for the Zionist Congress and on AMW business.

DEPARTURES

Dalia Atlas, musical director and conductor of the Pro-Musica Soloists Orchestra, Israel, for musical engagements in Detroit.

Bnei Brak officials to be charged in Shabbat fatality

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bnei Brak Mayor Yisrael Gottlieb, the municipal council, as well as the driver of a jeep that crashed into a Sabbath barrier last July, are all to be charged with manslaughter, the Justice Ministry announced last night.

The accident, in which a Landrover driven by David Patou went at full speed into a chain stretched across the controversial Rehov Hashomer, resulted in the death of Herzl Attiya, 22, of Ramat Gan, a passenger in the vehicle. The chain had been set up at the order of the mayor and municipal council.

The death heightened emotions in what was already a bitter dispute — whether Rehov Hashomer in Bnei Brak should be closed on Shabbat. Several weeks after the accident Interior Minister Yosef Burg ruled that the street should be closed, but with a less rigid barrier.

Interior Minister Yitzhak Burg told a TV reporter last night that this was the first time a mayor is to be tried in court for such an issue, and he would have to review all the material in the case before giving his reaction. He said he was "totally surprised" by the decision to charge the mayor.

The acting Bnei Brak Mayor, Rabbi Yitzhak Meir of Agudat Yisrael, who has worked to calm the religious population during the controversy, told an Itim reporter last night that "the nation of Israel has been dedicated to the sanctity of the Sabbath throughout the generations. We too are prepared to go to jail with heads held high for the sanctity of the Sabbath."

Underground veterans parade plan altered

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The parade of pre-state underground veterans through Jerusalem, which was to have been the main event of Independence Day celebrations this year, has been dropped in favour of a more modest celebration in the National Hebrew University stadium.

The change in plans was revealed yesterday by government officials after it became apparent that bygones were not bygones in the relations between veterans of the Hagana, Irgun and Lehi which had often clashed with each other when operating as separate underground organizations during the British mandate.

Ex-Irgun leaders this week rejected any limitation on the size of their contingent in the planned parade which was aimed at keeping it proportional to the Haganah contingent. The Haganah had been the much larger force but a disproportionate number of Irgun veterans had been expected to participate in the festivity under the patronage of their former commander, Premier Menahem Begin.

In addition to this friction, there was also concern over the physical demands of a march on some of the older veterans.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said yesterday that the army general staff is organizing the event in the University stadium. The number of veterans participating in the field, he said, would be determined by the IDF general staff and representatives of the veterans' organizations. The government is to invest IL1m. in the stadium ceremony and the army is to invest an undisclosed sum. Choral groups and military bands will also participate.

Meanwhile, Mayor Teddy Kollek, who has accused the government of a lack of imagination in organizing the anniversary celebrations, yesterday announced that a gala concert by the Israel Philharmonic will be held on the eve of Independence Day inside Birket el-Sultan, the ancient rock-cut reservoir at the foot of Mount Zion. Zubin Mehta will conduct and among the world-famous soloists who will appear are Isaac Stern, Daniel Barenboim, Leontyne Price, Yitzhak Pearlman and Mstislav Rostropovitch. A special acoustic shell will be built and the city walls above the site will be specially illuminated.

The municipal spokesman made a point of noting that the event was being organized entirely by the municipality and that the government had made no contribution thus far.

He said the possibility of broadcasting the concert abroad and over Israel Television are being explored.

Rager to be named adviser to Dulzin

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yitzhak Rager is to be appointed special adviser to the next World Zionist Executive chairman after Arye Dulzin is elected to the uncontested post at next week's Zionist Congress. This was announced yesterday by Dulzin in the wake of Rager's recent resignation from the committee for Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations which he headed since its inception last summer.

A former veteran staffer of Israel Radio, Rager has served for the past seven years as counsellor for special Jewish affairs at the Israel Embassy in London and at the Consulate-General in New York.

David Admon, of the Admon public relations and advertising firm, has meanwhile been appointed by Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Modai to coordinate the 30th anniversary celebrations in place of Rager. Modai heads the Ministerial committee for emblems and ceremonies.

Admon, who is an active member of the Liberal Party, was publicity and advertising adviser to the Likud in the 1973 election campaign, following the Yom Kippur War.

Ship companies stand firm; union claims U.S. support

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The shipping companies refused to meet with the striking seamen's unions yesterday, following the inconclusive marathon meeting with them the previous day.

At the same time, as the strike enters its fifth week with company losses estimated at IL140m., Officers' Union secretary Adam Chisik told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had received a phone call from the National Maritime Union of the U.S., promising it would do everything legally possible to support the Israeli unions. Chisik said this could possibly include action against foreign ships chartered by Zim.

The board of directors of the Zim company met yesterday to hear a situation report, but took no decisions. However, it was learned that all speakers backed the company's stand not to forgo guarantees for the prevention of strikes in future, as a condition for putting its Israeli ships to sea again. The company is continuing to function with 70 foreign ships.

Meanwhile, the government early yesterday issued emergency back-to-work orders to the crew of the El Yam bulk carrier, Har Carmel, ordering them to unload the "essential cargo" of 32,000 tons of soy beans brought from the U.S. a week ago. The crew obeyed the order, and unloading was started before noon at the Dagon silo, which had been idle for lack of ships.

This was the first emergency order issued by the government to ships other than oil tankers. Three more bulk carriers, with some 100,000 tons of grain on board, are still struck outside the harbour.

In two separate hearings, District Court Judge Eliezer Bar issued 15 more orders obliging the crews of the Zim-Hongkong and Jasmine to enable the unloading of more cargo from the ships, which had already been brought into the port under previous orders.

One of the orders was delivered to the captain of the Jasmine by a hearse of the Jerusalem Burial Society. It concerned the coffin of a Jewish woman from France who had left all her money for a funeral in Jerusalem. Her brothers from France and the U.S. had already arrived for the funeral, but the body had not yet been removed from the ship, which arrived here three weeks ago.

Citrus board chief to Europe to boost sagging sales

Citrus Marketing Board head Zvi Keinan arrived in Rome yesterday on the first leg of a two-week European tour aimed at boosting Israel's citrus sales, which have dropped by a third since an Arab group injected mercury into a few Jaffa oranges two weeks ago.

After Rome he will go on to other countries where tainted fruit have been found; this will take him to London, Brussels, Frankfurt and Copenhagen.

Keinan told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport before leaving that 15 million crates of Jaffa oranges have already been sent to Europe, and that another seven million are still to be sent before the end of the season. He added that a special committee of ministers has just been set up to deal with the sales crisis, headed by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.

In Bergamo in northern Italy, meanwhile, the authorities yesterday lifted a two-day ban on the sale of Israeli grapefruit after tests on several hundred fruit showed them to be free of mercury.

Gush Emunim core moves to Karnei Shomron site

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim's Karnei Shomron group yesterday moved into its new settlement site on the Nablus-Kalkilya Road.

A Defence Ministry source said 17 or 18 families moved yesterday from Camp Kaddum, where they have been living since October. There are about 35 caravans at Karnei Shomron — Abu Karnein in Arabic. Gush Emunim said they expect other families to fill the remaining caravans shortly.

Yesterday's move follows a long clash between the Gush and the government over permission to settle. The Gush organized a march to Karnei Shomron last year, but the government withheld approval, and some families moved instead into tents at Camp Kaddum. During a harsh weather spell the army turned over a two-storey building to the settlers.

The chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, then visited the settlers and an arrangement was worked out. The army moved into Abu Karnein, fenced off a small area and put up several tents.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman yesterday met Gush leaders Gershon Shafat and Hanan Porat. The Defence Ministry spokesman confirmed that the meeting took place, but gave no further details. According to Gush Emunim, they discussed arrangements for entering the camps, installing telephones, guarding and transportation.

Hirsh Goodman adds:

The last meeting between Weizman and the Gush was over half a year ago. Most of the day-to-day contact with the movement is handled by Deputy Minister Mordechai Zipori.

The Minister has made it clear that he had serious reservations about some activities of the Gush in the last several months. Weizman is thought to prefer a "low settlement profile" during negotiations toward a peace settlement, while Israel's relationship to the U.S. is in a sensitive stage.

Thousands of mourners yesterday attended funerals of the two victims of Tuesday night's bombing of a Jerusalem bus, Katriel Blumenfeld and Yosef Zisman. This is the scene at Blumenfeld's funeral at Har Hamenuhot. (Eliahu Harati)

Thousands of mourners at rites for bus blast victims

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of mourners yesterday followed the biers of Katriel Blumenfeld, 42, and Yosef Zisman, 25, the two passengers killed in Tuesday evening's explosion in a No. 35 bus as it passed through Rehov Zefania in Jerusalem's Geula quarter.

Police last night still had few suspects in the bombing which also injured another 44 persons.

Most of the injured were released on Tuesday night or yesterday, leaving only six at Sha'are Zedek Hospital. Rachel Moses, 19, a soldier from Ramot, was still in the intensive care unit and her condition was described as serious.

The others still hospitalized included Reuven Salman, 20, also a soldier, who had been sitting with Rachel in one of the back seats when the bomb went off. Salman was in the surgery ward.

Also in surgery were Shalom Kind, 21, and Bella Wolfson, 16. Pesach Eisenbach, 12, was in the children's surgery ward and Shlomo Zaltzman, 40, was in plastic surgery. All the injured are from Jerusalem.

Blumenfeld, a Belz Hassid and survivor of the Holocaust, is survived by a wife and seven children. He worked as an accountant. His funeral cortege, in which an estimated 5,000 persons participated on foot, went yesterday morning from Shaare Zedek Hospital to the Belz Yeshiva in Geula and finally to the Givat Shaul cemetery.

Zisman, a student at the Hebron Yeshiva in Jerusalem, was the son of a Tel Aviv attorney. He had studied at the yeshiva for four years, after attending a yeshiva in Petah Tikva.

An estimated 10,000 mourners followed Zisman's bier which went from the new Hebron Yeshiva in Givat Shaul to the old yeshiva in Geula, ending at the Mount of Olives cemetery. The funeral, which was scheduled to take place at noon, actually began about 3 p.m.

Jerusalem police said yesterday they were continuing their usual precautionary measures against such terrorist attacks, but they were not necessarily taking any new measures. The police spokesman refused to estimate the magnitude of the bomb's blast.

The Beirut-based Palestinian News Agency (WAFA) quoted a Palestinian military source as saying the PLO was responsible for what it described as a bomb in a military bus.

Dry spell threatens 400,000 dunams of wheat crops

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ ZE'ELIM. — About 400,000 dunams of wheat crops in the Negev are endangered by the month-long drought in the area. If the dry period continues farmers will be faced with heavy losses on their crops.

As of last night the weatherman could not hold out much hope of serious rain for the Negev in the near future, although some rain will fall further north as temperatures drop.

The wheat area in question streches from Beit Kama north of Beersheba to the Eshkol Region near the Gaza Strip.

When rain came earlier this winter wheat farmers were optimistic for a bumper crop and the fields of the region are now a deep green with the wheat about seven cms. high.

But last Friday the crops entered the danger point because of the lack of rainfall, according to Yehuda Sa'adi, chairman of the Negev committee of kibbutzim and moshavim and a member of this kibbutz. Sa'adi said it is still not clear what damage has been caused so far because farmers are protesting to the government about a change in the compensation system, and evaluations are being held up until a final decision is made. In the past farmers were directly compensated for losses — as in an insurance policy. This year the government wanted to introduce a new system based on net loss after damages have been subtracted from other farm profits.

Tel Aviv upping rates April 1

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The City Executive yesterday decided on a 30 to 100 per cent rates hike to go into effect on April 1.

The increase will not be uniform. Banks, in view of their high profits, will pay double their present bill. But for other businesses the rates will be 65-70 per cent higher.

For apartment dwellers in poorer sections of town, the increase will average 30 per cent, while in better-off North Tel Aviv the rates will rise by 50 per cent.

Rates are to go up in other cities as well, following a Union of Local Authorities decision to that effect last week.

The city budget cannot be drawn up yet, as like other local governments Tel Aviv has not yet received Interior Ministry guidelines. But the city treasurer estimates that the 1978/79 budget will be around IL2,000m.

Would cancel

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The decision to approve only about half of Israel's request for advanced aircraft — Israel had sought 150 F-16's and 25 F-15's — was seen as a further blow to Israel. Israeli sources said that Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who are both expected here next month on separate visits, will seek U.S. approval for the remainder of the Israeli request. They pointed out that Israel had earlier reduced its request for F-16s from 250 to 150 after it became clear that the U.S. was not about to approve co-production rights to Israel for the aircraft.

The decision to supply offensive aircraft to Egypt was personally authorized by President Jimmy Carter, who, by so doing, reversed a major campaign promise to the American Jewish community. Often during the campaign, he attacked President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for selling arms to the Arab states.

"I do not believe arms sales buy lasting friends," he told the Synagogue Council in New York on April 1, 1976. "I am concerned with the way in which our country, as well as the Soviet Union, Britain and France, have poured arms in certain Arab countries far beyond their legitimate needs for defence — five or six times more than Israel receives. This headlong rush for weapons increases the chance for war. It postpones peace negotiations. It defers development. It erodes security.

"That is why it would not be wise at this time to supply strike weapons to Egypt, despite that nation's recent signs of friendship for the U.S. With its vast population and deep poverty, Egypt needs housing and jobs and health care far more than offensive weapons such as tanks and planes and missiles," said Carter less than two years ago.

Recovery of Cosmos costing Canada $2m.

OTTAWA (UPI). — Canada has spent more than $2m. in operations to recover pieces of Cosmos 954 but no formal bill has yet been sent to the Soviet Union, Defence Minister Barney Danson said on Tuesday.

The Soviet spy satellite fell from its 240-km. high orbit January 24.

Shlomo Eliahu

ZOREA QUITS

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return to organized politics, he declared.

Before entering the Knesset, he worked in the cotton fields and he hoped he could go back to the fields now. "As long as they don't send me to the kibbutz kitchen," he joked.

Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, the DMC leader, sent Zorea a warm letter expressing his regret at the resignation but calling it a "courageous decision."

Eliahu, 42, came to Israel from Baghdad in 1950 and founded an insurance business despite fierce opposition from established firms here. Now his firm is one of the seven biggest insurance firms in Israel.

Eliahu, who is married with four children, lives in Tel Aviv and is chairman of a benevolent fund to promote the welfare of Israelis who hail from Iraq.

Coffee's off

RAMAT GAN (Itim). — Seventeen tons of coffee — worth about IL3m. — were stolen from a truck depot here early yesterday before dawn, driven off by a man who represented himself as the driver assigned to the truck. The truck, minus the coffee, was found a few hours later in a grove near the Beit Dagon intersection.

The coffee, intended for the Elite plant in Safad, was aboard a giant truck which had brought it to the Shalev yard from a bonded warehouse at Ashdod port. According to the Shalev nightwatchman, around midnight a man came to the yard gate and said he was the driver. The watchman let him in, and he drove off with the coffee.

The error became clear in the morning. Police were last night still looking for both coffee and driver.

TEL AVIV-YAFO DISTRICT COURT
Estate file 57/84

In the matter of the late HARRY EPSTEIN who died in the U.S.A. on December 7, 1955.

Petitioner: Aaron Bar-Anan, represented by E. Bernblum, Adv. and/or Y. Orion, and/or A. Kurtz, 20 Rehov Hanevi'im, Haifa.

Citation: Be it known that an application has been submitted to the court requesting a succession order for the above deceased, and I hereby call on any person who considers he has a claim on the estate and who wishes to oppose the granting of the order to submit his objections to the granting of the order within 14 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the court will make such order as it deem fit.

Registrar, District Court

Gazan hoopsters to play in Europe as 'Palestine'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Efforts are being made to revive the Gaza basketball team which before the Six-Day War took part in international competition under the name "Falastin" (Palestine).

Boris Stankovic, Yugoslav chairman of the European Basketball Federation, visited Gaza yesterday and promised Mayor Rashad a-Shawa that Gaza could enter the European organization as "Falastin." Stankovic, who last night acted as official observer in the European Cup match between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Mobil Girgi, also told the Gazans he would arrange for a Belgian club squad currently touring Arab countries to play an exhibition match here in July with the local squad.

Psychologists strike today

TEL AVIV. — More than 300 educational psychologists employed by local authorities (except those in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa) are expected to walk off their jobs this morning to protest lack of on-the-job training facilities.

The psychologists are demanding time off and 50 per cent payment of tuition for training needed to reach the level of expert, as required by the new Psychologists Law.

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hands and asked Israel whether it suggested declaring war.

In 1969 and again in 1975 relations between Israel and the U.S. had taken a grave turn, but then, as now, the basic sympathy between the two countries prevailed, he said.

Although the American reply to Israel's arms request was partial, it was positive, Begin said. Carter deserved Israel's gratitude for his decision. The Prime Minister hoped that more such planes would be made available as well as other land weapons. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman would take these requests up when he visits the U.S. commencing March 5.

Egypt's official newspaper has now threatened the country with a second "October War" if Cairo's ultimative demands were not met. To supply warplanes to Egypt now bolstered the threat of a new war. In any case, Begin said, Israel does not agree that sales of planes to Israel should be linked to sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Israel had experience in the past of Saudi aid to confrontation states, he said. Saudi planes could be over Tel Aviv in 10 minutes.

Begin said he had told Carter about Israel's plans to keep the Rafiah settlements in place, in a UN zone defended by an Israeli force, and noted that Carter had still called the plan as a whole positive. The Government in Jerusalem had only decided to attend the Ismailiya conference after it had heard of Carter's moral support for the Israeli proposals, he said.

Although the Prime Minister did not criticize the U.S. as explicitly as the cabinet did last Sunday for abandoning its mediator role in order to favour one of the sides, he did make the same point in the rhetorical question: "After one has approved a plan as a whole, does one object to one of its elements just because one of the negotiating parties objects to it?"

Begin took in general a moderate tone, speaking more in sorrow than in anger. He seemed clearly to be trying to take the emotion out of the difference of views with Washington, although he made it clear that Israel would press hard to hamper the proposed U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

He dropped hints here and there to indicate that Washington had also taken steps to mollify Jerusalem since the Sunday cabinet session with its framatic communique.

Begin opened his speech with an expression of condolences to the families of those killed in Tuesday's bomb blast aboard a Jerusalem bus. The killers would be brought to justice, he warned, and those responsible for sending the killers would also be tracked down.

Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour) said in his motion that the only way Israel could regain the confidence of the U.S. once again was to halt what he called provocative settlement operations in the West Bank and the Rafiah area.

Meir Pa'il (Shelli) demanded that Israel allow self-determination to the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza.

Zalman Shoval (Likud-Le'am) demanded that Israel withdraw the rest of its military-committee personnel from Cairo until Sadat makes his true intentions clear.

Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) charged foul play on the part of Secretary Vance. The U.S. had surrendered to Sadat's blackmail in an act of bad faith, he said.

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) warned that a new war would come if Israel refused to respect the rights of the Palestine Arab people in this country.

When Mapam's Naftali Feder got up later to move that Ben Meir's motion be struck off the agenda, this annoyed his Labour colleagues, and Labour's Yitzhak Navon moved that Feder's motion be struck off the agenda.

Mifal Hapayis budget up by 37 per cent

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The budget of the Mifal Hapayis lottery for 1978-79 will be IL1,230m., compared with IL900m. in the current year, according to Yitzhak Oren chairman of the Board of Directors. The increase is 37 per cent.

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YOSEF ZISMAN

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Tavori: Police break law in detaining juveniles

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Haim Tavori told the Knesset Law Committee yesterday that the Israel Police violate the law by holding juvenile offenders in detention alongside adult offenders, and by holding suspects for interrogation for longer periods than permissible.

At a committee session, one of a series on police detentions, Tavori said: "I am ashamed of the conditions under which suspects are held in detention in this country."

In the coming budgetary year, Tavori said, construction will start on two new lockups for juveniles.

He promised to issue fresh standing orders to ensure that essential sanitary conditions are maintained in lockups.

Manpower is critically short, he said. Investigators find it hard to cope with the heavy work load and poor physical conditions.

"With investigators working in sub-human conditions the situation is on the brink of an explosion, and so suspects stay in detention longer than is necessary. This is grave but inevitable," Tavori said.

He added that the criminal population in Israel is increasing all the time and reaching into every facet of the local scene.

Committee chairman David Glass said that the war against crime, however arduous, could never justify violating the rights of the citizen.

Tavori said the Cypriot journalist Panayiotis Paschalis now detained on security charges enjoys special detention conditions in Ramle jail. Foreign journalists have been allowed to visit the jail to see his conditions for themselves. Tavori was replying to a question by Tawfiq Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality.)

Zipori says no attempt made to dismantle Lebanon army

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori said yesterday that there have been no attempts to dismantle the new Lebanese army.

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Moshe Shamir (Likud-La'am), Zipori referred to reports that Syrian President Hafez Assad had made such a demand last week at the height of clashes between the Lebanese army and Syria's "peace-keeping" troops in Beirut. But he said all signs indicate that the Lebanese and the Syrians have succeeded in containing the hostilities and that life in Beirut has returned to normal.

Zipori declared there could be no doubt that the Syrian "Arab League peace force," which is subject to the authority of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, is in effect the arm of the law in Lebanon.

Shamir said in his motion that Syrian forces of division strength now control Beirut and constitute the *de facto* government of Lebanon. (Syrian forces first entered Lebanon in June 1976, at the height of that country's civil war.) The end of Lebanon as an independent state is near, Shamir said, and this greatly increases the danger on our northern border.

Shamir said that Israel should denounce Syria's genocidal attempt to wipe out the Christian community of Lebanon, and present this as an example to the world of what is "in store for us on all our borders if our rights and security are not ensured."

With Zipori's consent the motion was referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Also referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee was a motion by Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment) on the "internal terror in Judea and Samaria." She described last week's murder of Ramallah notable Abdul-Nur Khalil Janhu as the latest in a series of murders and other acts of violence against West Bank moderates by terrorist organizations.

Zipori replied that since the beginning of December 1977 there have been four acts of terrorism against moderates in the Ramallah area. He said the defence forces have therefore taken steps to ensure the security of the populace while following the rule of not interfering with their daily lives.

Because of the sensitive nature of to another existing one. He would not be referred to the committee.

Woman knifed by intruders

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Bat Yam woman was unconscious and in serious condition last night with multiple knife-wounds — apparently inflicted by underworld figures who were looking for her sons.

Police detained for questioning two relatives who later came to see her in Jaffa's Donolo Hospital.

The woman was brought to hospital at 4 a.m. by a taxi driver. He said she told him she had been knifed in the neck and abdomen by masked intruders who first asked her where her sons were. Before losing consciousness, she gave the police her name and address (which police did not divulge.)

At her home, police found signs that someone had forced entry through a window. The closets had been ransacked. The police did not rule out simple robbery, but speculated that the attack might have been an underworld act of vengeance.

Grupper raps plan to cancel free bus rides

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A Likud Knesset Member warned yesterday that if the Defence Ministry went through with its plans to cancel free bus travel for men soldiers, his party would next time lose the soldiers' votes it had won in the last elections.

MK Peaach Grupper, who campaigned consistently while the Likud was in the opposition to secure the free bus rides, said that the 66 per cent of the soldiers' votes which the Likud won in the last elections should not be cast away lightly. Grupper was speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* in the Knesset lobby. He is a key member of the joint subcommittee of the Finance and the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees which has to approve the defence budget.

(The Defence Ministry, which has to cut some IL1,500m. from a total defence budget of IL55,000m., wants to let only girl soldiers enjoy free bus rides, and save IL60m. by cancelling the privilege for male soldiers.)

Grupper said he would vote against the government, if need be, on the issue. "Over my dead body," he said. "After 29 years of Alignment rule, the Likud got the soldiers free rides, and now I won't let the Likud cancel that after a few months in office."

(Most of the cuts totalling IL1,500m. proposed by the ministry affect building and construction, it is learned.)

Grupper told *The Post* : "You can be sure that if Egged doesn't get paid for soldiers' travel, it will demand a higher subsidy anyway."

Labour will fight for WZO treasury

The Labour Zionist Movement will demand the Treasury portfolio (currently held by the Likud) in the World Zionist Executive, the movement's new chairman, Labour MK Yigal Allon, said yesterday.

Allon was speaking in Jerusalem at the end of the movement's sixth world conference, held to prepare for the opening on Monday of the Zionist Congress in the Capital. During the two-day meeting, Allon was elected chairman and Yehiel Leket was named secretary general, replacing Yitzhak Koren who resigned after a 14-year term.

In its resolutions, the Labour Zionists approved of those new frontier settlements that had been established in line with the policy of the Labour Party and the former Labour government (which initiated settlement, among other places, in the Rafiah-Yamit area). Allon on the other hand attacked "settlement for show" and settlement deep in Sinai, saying it endangered earlier beyond-the-Green-Line settlements set up to assure Israel more easily defended borders. (Itim)

$372,000 budget for 29th Zionist meet

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 29th Zionist Congress will open on Monday in Jerusalem attended by over 1,000 delegates, observers and guests.

The total budget for the eight-day Congress is $372,000. The elections for delegates held in 33 countries abroad, and the Zionist membership drive cost nearly $1m. more. Airline fares and hotel accommodations will be paid for by the various Jewish organizations or the individual delegates themselves, and not by the World Zionist Organization.

In a pre-Congress press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, Avraham Schenker, chairman of the World Zionist Organization's organization and information department, outlined the three major parts of the event — the opening and ideological debate, 15 hours of committee meetings, and results of committee meetings and formation of resolutions during the last two days.

Among the featured speakers will be President Ephraim Katzir, Prime Minister Menahem Begin, former Prime Minister Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, incoming Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and past World Jewish Congress president Nahum Goldmann.

The delegates will venture outside their headquarters in Binyenei Ha'ooma on Thursday, February 23, for "agricultural settlement day." Six different touring routes have been arranged — each including visits to settlements on both sides of the Green Line, and a variety of new and veteran ones.

The World Zionist Congress court, headed by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, will meet today to hear a case brought against the American Zionist Revisionists by the Confederation of United Zionists. As reported in yesterday's *The Jerusalem Post*, the Confederation has accused the Herut-affilliated Revisionists of fraudulent practices in compiling their membership lists for election of delegates.

WIZO, the Women's International Zionist Organization, will demand that the Congress raise its representation at future Congresses from 20 to 30. WIZO has a policy of eschewing local Zionist elections and offering a world-wide slate of delegates. WIZO will also demand a portfolio on the Zionist Executive.

The Post learned that women of the Labour Party have asked chairman Shimon Peres to nominate former MK Esther Herlitz for a seat on the Zionist Executive. No decision will be taken apparently until the Labour Party knows how many portfolios it will be allocated. There are no Israeli women in the present Zionist Executive.

Israel TV is screening a special film on "The Jewish movement for national liberation" tomorrow at 6.45 p.m., as a preview to the Zionist Congress.

Cost of last year's strikes: 416,526 work days lost

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The nation's economy — plagued in recent years by a general recession — lost more than half a million workdays in 1977 due to strikes and partial strikes, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Israel Katz revealed this week.

In all, there were 126 full strikes last year, with 416,526 workdays lost, compared to 123 full strikes and 308,214 workdays lost in 1976.

In addition, many more workdays were lost last year when various groups of workers — organized or otherwise — practised so-called work sanctions or go-slows.

Asked why the number of workdays lost to full strikes rose so radically last year when the number of strikes increased by only three, Dr. Katz explained that many more workers were involved in labour disputes last year than in 1976. These included large groups in the Ministry of Communications, the Treasury, Bank Leumi and university staff personnel.

Thus, while 114,970 workers were involved in the 123 full strikes of 1976, last year's 126 full strikes brought out 194,297 workers.

An analysis of last year's full and partial strikes shows that most were sparked by wage and job grade promotion demands. Other causes were delays in signing of formal work agreements, dismissal of workers disciplinary actions by management and complaints about working conditions.

According to the minister, almost three-quarters of last year's full strikes could be classified as "wildcat" in that they were not backed by the representative workers' organizations.

Kollek denies Old City hotel plans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek said yesterday that no negotiations are being conducted with any entrepreneur regarding construction of a hotel in the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Although there is a possibility of building a 100-room hotel there, Kollek said in an interview, this is at present "a very doubtful proposition."

Kollek termed as "sheer nonsense" a statement by Knesset Member Yosef Tamir that businessmen had persuaded municipal officials to support the creation of a new gate in the Old City wall.

Tamir said on Monday that American and Israeli entrepreneurs who want to build a hotel in the Jewish Quarter were the force behind the proposal. He said the hotel scheme, if realized, would lead to intolerable commercialization of the quarter. The gate presumably would lead to easy access and ready parking in an underground terminal beneath the hotel.

Subscriber gets phone he wanted— in the head

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man who inquired at a local branch of the Ministry of Communications about the telephone he ordered was hit in the head by one when a woman clerk feared he was getting cheeky.

The unhappy subscriber complained to police, who investigated both clerk and client, and released both on bail. The subscriber was slightly injured in the ear, but will probably recover by the time his phone is installed.

TV won't sell Hirbet Hiza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel TV has decided not to sell its film version of "Hirbet Hiza" to any foreign network — but Jordan TV has already "stolen" it and broadcast the more sensational segments on their news programmes in Hebrew and English.

Broadcasting Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni has ordered TV officials not to sell the film, which depicts the banishment of Arab settlers from a fictional Arab village, based on the novella by S. Yizhar. The authority had originally planned to market the film, and thus produced it in colour at a cost of IL600,000. But when its controversial nature became apparent, Livni decided to cancel such plans, aware of the danger that it might be used as anti-Israel propaganda.

Dutch TV and two American television networks are among the would-be purchasers of "Hirbet Hiza."

Meanwhile, Jordan TV has already shown snippets of the film on their news programmes. The parts selected were those that could be regarded as most "damaging to Israel": elderly Arabs, women and children sloshing through mud at gunpoint; an Arab woman spitting at an IDF soldier; and a soldier calling the Arabs "animals."

Asked why the film was not screened with simultaneous translation in Arabic, TV director Arnon Zuckerman told *The Jerusalem Post* that original drama is never translated into another language on Israel TV. There was no intention, he said, of discouraging Arabs from watching the film.

A JEWISH-DRUSE Friendship Forest is to be planted on the Golan today, between Kibbutz El-Rom and the Druse village of Bukata.

French envoy: Bonn in on missiles deal

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — The new French ambassador, Marc Bonnefous, yesterday denied that the recent European sale of sophisticated missiles to Syria is just a French affair, and said it should be seen as a joint Franco-German transaction approved by both Bonn and Paris.

The ambassador offered the explanation during a courtesy visit to this city. He was speaking a day after the West German Ambassador, Klaus Schutz, repeated a statement of the German foreign minister that the arms deal with Syria had been a French decision.

The missiles sold to Syria are a co-production of German and French arms makers. Bonnefous said that since France had lifted its arms embargo it was willing to sell to all who desired its wares. That its arms sales to Israel had fallen off since 1974 he attributed to Israel's own production and to the fact that Jerusalem obtained better financial terms in the U.S.

On the Middle East situation in general, Bonnefous said France would not take any initiatives until after its parliamentary elections in three weeks' time. He added that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had enjoyed great popularity in France since his visit to Jerusalem.

U.S. to discuss more El Al landing sites

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — The U.S. has agreed to negotiate additional landing rights for El Al, a spokesman here said yesterday. An Israeli delegation will leave for Washington next month for talks.

El Al now lands only in New York. For years the company has been requesting additional locations, but only now is the U.S. administration willing to negotiate — probably demanding increased charter arrangements in return. At present, Israel accepts only charters which leave from the West Coast.

Austrian Air lines announced yesterday that it will run one additional round trip Vienna-Tel-Aviv-Vienna each week beginning April. The total number of round trips will be four per week. Eli Messer, the director of the line's operations in Israel, said the number of Austrian visitors to Israel increased in 1977 by 55 per cent over the number in 1976.

Alitalia announced last night that its rates from Israel will be reduced by 35 per cent from April 1.

A RECORD 560 runners took part on Tuesday in the Hebrew University's 27th annual Magnes race along the perimeter of the campus. Winner of the main five-km. event was Gamaliel Arye of Tel Aviv Maccabi with a time of 16.07 minutes.

World Convention of Na'amat/Pioneer Women World Movement -1978

LEFT TO RIGHT (Bottom row) — Zelda Lemberger, New York, National Vice-President; Edythe Rosenfield, New Haven, Conn., Eastern Area Coordinator; Charlotte Stein, New York, immediate past National President; Frieda Leemon, Detroit, Mich., Current National President; Gloria Elbling, Pittsburgh, Pa., National Vice-President; (Top row) — Phyllis Sutker, Skokie, Ill., National Vice-President of Organization; Sylvia Snyder, Philadelphia, Pa., National Financial Secretary; Ronnie Gold, Brooklyn, N.Y., National Recording Secretary; Annette Navis, Toms River, N.J., National Treasurer; Judith Novick, Lincolnwood, Ill., National Vice-President, Programme and Education.

TEL AVIV — More than 80 leaders of the Na'amat/Pioneer Women World Movement from 12 countries — Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Chile, France, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and the U.S.A. — and Israel will gather in an international convention in Israel, opening February 15. It is only the second time the world movement has convened.

Grand opening of the three-day convention will be held at 4.30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, at the Jerusalem Theatre, in the presence of President Ephraim Katzir, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Nava Arad, secretary general of the Na'amat/Pioneer Women, and Geula Hafkin, in charge of the Foreign Relations Department of Na'amat. The sessions will be conducted at Kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha, with the participation of presidents, vice-presidents and board members of almost all national Pioneer Women organizations.

Subjects of the Convention will include: Na'amat programmes in Israel; Reports on activities of Pioneer Women groups in 12 countries; Participation of these groups in local Jewish affairs; Status of Women; Aliyah; Social Gap; Essence of Relationship between Israel and the Diaspora; Goals of the World Movement; World Movement activities in Israel with the aid of overseas organizations; 30 years of the State of Israel; Support for Jews of the Soviet Union.

The Na'amat/Pioneer Women World Movement is a full, active, ideological partner in the fulfilment of the Zionist ideal. Many of the Pioneer Women leaders will also participate in the Labour Zionist Congress and the upcoming World Zionist Congress.

The Na'amat/Pioneer Women Movement is centred in: Australia, Uruguay, United Kingdom, Argentina, United States, Belgium, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Chile, France, Canada, as well as Israel, where it is the largest women's organization. While the languages and places of activities are varied, its ideological goal is the same: identification with the Labour Zionist Movement and love and support of Israel.

The Pioneer Women movement was established in North America in 1925 by a group of idealistic Labour Zionists who emigrated from Eastern Europe with strong ties with Poale Zion. These women organized their own movement whose aim was to help build a Jewish State with women as equal partners in this great effort. Pioneer Women operates on two levels: one is to involve Jewish women in positive Zionist activities, enabling them to take an active role in local Jewish communal and national political affairs; on the second level, it is concerned with continually enhancing ties with the people of Israel, the Labour Movement and the entire Yishuv.

Geula Hafkin
In charge of Foreign Relations for Na'amat

Nava Arad
Secretary-General of Na'amat

Esther Zackler
Chairlady of the Organizing Committee of the World Movement Convention

The Ideological Connection Between the Movement in Israel and Abroad

One hundred and fifty thousand haverot of Pioneer Women throughout the world support the movement in Israel in ideology and in deed, maintaining continually strong connections with Na'amat programmes here. Thousands of haverot visit Israel in organized groups and as individuals making personal contacts with the movement's programmes, institutions and haverot.

Many members of Na'amat/Pioneer Women are themselves working women in the free professions. In all 12 nations where Pioneer Women function, they are strong members of the local Zionist Federation and play a responsible role in the development and conduct of Jewish cultural institutions, are active in the spread of the Hebrew language and in information programmes on behalf of immigration to Israel and Israel's political position in the world.

Members of Na'amat/Pioneer Women make important contributions to all local Jewish activities, the United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod, Histadrut Fund, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, and others.

Activities of the Pioneer Women members abroad on behalf of the Na'amat institutions in Israel include raising the financial means to aid the Na'amat programmes, through all kinds of promotional activity, with each organization setting for itself a quota, undertaking special projects of outstanding interest to its members, and establishing stipends to help hundreds of young Israeli women achieve their goals of higher education.

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 15

4:30 p.m.	Festive Opening, Jerusalem Theatre
7:00 p.m.	Registration and distribution of delegates' cards, Ma'ale Hahamisha
7:30 p.m.	Dinner. Guests of honor, Y. Allon, Y. Korn, and Y. Leket

Continuation of registration.

Thursday, February 16

8:30-10:00 a.m.	Approving the Agenda and Opening speech on the subject: "Na'amat and the Present-Day Realities of Israel" — Nava Arad, Sec. Gen. of Na'amat, Followed by Members of the Mazkirut: Drora Meir, Sara Alspector, Tamar Shachar, Zipora Zur, and Masha Lubelsky
10:00-11:30 a.m.	Discussion
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Reports on the World Movement by Esther Zackler and Geula Javkin.
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Reports of the Countries: USA, Canada, Brazil, France, England, Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay.
5:30-7:00 p.m.	World Movement — Towards the Future Discussion.
7:00 p.m.	Dinner
9:00-10:30 p.m.	Continuation of Discussion

Friday, February 17

10:00-11:30 a.m.	Discussion on the running of the World Movement: Aims, Structure, and Financing — opening by Nava Arad
11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	Approving the Bodies of the World Movement Election of World Movement Chairman
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30-4:00 p.m.	Resolutions

Saturday, February 18

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	The Nature of the Ties between Israel and the Diaspora Yitzhak Navon, M.K.
12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.	Aliyah — Discussion with Uzi Narkis
3:00-4:30 p.m.	The Labour Movement in the New Political Reality, Shimon Peres, M.K.
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Soviet Jewry — Gesia Kamaiska
8:00 p.m.	Gala Dinner: Guest of honor Golda Meir

Sunday, February 19

10:30 a.m.	Dedication of Day Nursery in Yamit
5:30 p.m.	Awarding of Beba Idelson Volunteer Prize

To the Na'amat/Pioneer Women World Conference Delegations, visitors from abroad and to members of Na'amat in Israel:
Warm greetings on behalf of the Histadrut General Federation of Labour in Israel for a successful World Conference, fruitful discussions and a pleasant stay in Israel.

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General Secretary —
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Ethiopia may break ties with West

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — Ethiopian strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam has threatened to break off relations with the western powers, charging they use the presence of Russian and Cuban advisers as a pretext to support Somalia.

In a wide-ranging news conference on Tuesday, Mengistu said the Russians and Cubans are in Ethiopia to train the army in the use of new weapons and their involvement was being used as pretext by some Western powers for supporting Somalia in the Ogaden war.

He threatened to break off diplomatic relations with the U.S., Britain and West Germany, saying they were arming Somalia and plotting to topple his government.

Accusing Washington, London and Bonn of being involved with Somalia, Mengistu warned that if they continued "their policy of spreading bloodshed... so openly and arrogantly,... maintaining diplomatic relations with them becomes totally meaningless."

Diplomatic sources said it was the first time Mengistu had publicly threatened to sever ties although relations, especially with Washington, have dipped to an all-time low.

"Washington has less influence here now than at any time in the past," said one Western diplomat. "The Ethiopians are deeply suspicious of all of Washington's motives."

Mengistu also lashed out against "reactionary Arab countries" and repeatedly denounced Somali President Siad Barre as a "pathologically reactionary" and "bloodthirsty" leader.

He said U.S. military supplies to Somalia were being channelled "indirectly... under the cover of collaborators" and America's "futile denials are bound to be exposed."

He said the U.S., Nato countries, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Egypt, and Iran were trying to topple his government to "put the Red Sea under their control."

The U.S., meanwhile, warning that the Ogaden war continues to "fester and grow," again called on Somalia, Russia and Cuba to withdraw their military forces from Ethiopia to allow for a negotiated settlement.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance also said in a television interview on Tuesday night the Carter administration will have "to take a new look" at its hands off policy of not supplying arms to the Horn of Africa if Ethiopian forces, now on the offensive, cross Somalia's borders. Ethiopia denies intending to invade Somalia.

In Mogadishu Somali insurgents have denied reports of battlefield reverses in the northern Ogaden region and branded recent Ethiopian claims of success "naked lies and nonsense."

A communique issued by the Western Somali Liberation Front said on Tuesday that fierce fighting still raged around the strategic Ogaden cities of Harar and Dire Dawa.

Ethiopian forces, it said, had suffered "terribly heavy losses" in their recent counter-offensive.

Armed member of the People's Militia that patrols the streets of Addis Ababa on the look out for "reactionary forces." (AP radiophoto)

Silva applies for Soviet visa

LONDON (JTA). — Helped by the intervention by Sir Harold Wilson, Silva Zalmanson yesterday entered the Soviet Consulate here to apply for a visa to visit her husband, Edward Kuznetsov, in a Soviet labour camp.

The Former British prime minister became involved on Tuesday night when Zalmanson, herself a former Soviet prison inmate, gate-crashed a meeting of the British-USSR society which was being addressed by Nikolai Lunkov, the Soviet ambassador. After the meeting Zalmanson appealed to the ambassador to be allowed to visit Kuznetsov, who is halfway through a 15-year sentence for his part in the Leningrad hijack affair.

Sir Harold, the society's president, thrust a letter from Zalmanson into the ambassador's hand. Lunkov then told her to present herself at the consulate yesterday morning. Zalmanson's earlier attempt to enter the consulate, on her arrival here from the U.S. last week, was unsuccessful.

Zalmanson told aliya circles in Israel on Tuesday that her husband had ended his hunger strike in return for a promise by the prison authorities that she would be permitted to visit him.

Son of Chiang Kai-shek to be Taiwan president

TAIPEI. — Taiwan Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, son of the late Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, received the ruling Kuomintang Party's unanimous nomination for President yesterday, assuring him of election.

The 130 Central Committee members and more than 800 other delegates at the nomination meeting stood up and clapped for about one minute when the 68-year-old Chiang's name was put up for nomination.

The nomination assured Chiang's election when the 1,248 members of the National Assembly — the electorate — cast their ballots in the presidential election on March 21. More than 80 per cent of the members belong to the ruling party and most of the others are Chiang's supporters.

The younger Chiang was appointed vice premier in June 1969 and was elevated to the premiership in May 1972.

Chiang Kai-shek, who ruled Taiwan from the time the Nationalists fled Mainland China in 1949 following the Communist takeover until his death on April 5, 1975, was succeeded by Vice President Yen Chia-kan.

Chiang is expected to continue to lead the nation despite the fact that the premier, not the president, is technically the chief executive of the state.

In Peking, Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping has been cleared publicly for the first time of responsibility for the bloody riots which erupted in Peking's central Tien An Men square in April 1976. The riots led to his temporary political eclipse.

The February issue of "Red Flag," ideological journal of the Communist Party Central Committee, exonerates Teng of blame in the riots and accuses the purged "Gang of Four" extremist leaders of having maliciously slandered him. (UPI, Reuter)

Ben-Natan launches T.A. mayoralty race

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment's Asher Ben-Natan yesterday launched his campaign for the mayoralty by accusing the local Likud administration of "running the city with total lack of planning."

In his first meeting with the press yesterday, the former ambassador to France and West Germany levelled a series of accusations against Mayor Shlomo Lahat's administration, the main one being "that nothing is done with a plan. It's all a matter of improvisation, last minute decisions and ad hoc solutions."

Ben-Natan said the present administration is guilty of mismanaging the financial affairs of the city to a point where deficits of IL2.5m. have been accumulated. (The city spokesman later reacted by claiming that these are largely debts left over from the previous Labour administration headed by Yehoshua Rabinowitz).

Ben-Natan further charged that Lahat's promises to enforce city by-laws were not kept. He said that fewer illegal structures have been torn down by this administration than by previous administrations.

Insufficient housing has been built for young couples, there has been no growth in the number of hospital beds, and no rehabilitation of the city's southern slums.

Ben-Natan noted that the administration complains of not receiving adequate government funds, but said this is "passing the buck to the government. The mayor is responsible even if the government is forthcoming in its aid. It is the mayor's job to secure that aid."

Saying it was premature to offer detailed solutions now for the city's problems, Ben-Natan did note that he would try to rehabilitate Tel Aviv's Labour faction by bringing some new talents to the City Council list. He declined to give an opinion about the present much-criticized Labour representation on the council, pointing out that he had not chosen it.

Ben-Natan, a new-comer to municipal affairs, was asked by one of the reporters when he was last in city hall. He admitted that he had made only one visit there to meet Deputy Mayor Haim Basok to discuss a French education exhibition.

The election will be held in November.

Lahat calls criticism of his Rio trip 'provincial'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Stupid and provincial chauvinism" was how Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday termed criticism of his decision to go ahead with his visit to Rio de Janeiro despite the Brazilians' last-minute cancellation of a twin-city pact with Tel Aviv.

Lahat explained to the press yesterday that his visit to Rio "was beneficial not only to Tel Aviv but to the state of Israel as a whole." He returned from his trip late Tuesday night.

Lahat was visiting Tel Aviv's twin city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before proceeding to Rio, when he was informed that the Brazilians had suddenly reneged on their promise. His decision not to return home immediately has evoked criticism, and the Alignment opposition has called a city council meeting for Sunday to air the issue.

Lahat told reporters yesterday that the decision was not made by Rio officials (the mayor there is appointed, not elected), but that it was an instruction from Brazil's foreign ministry, which relayed its president's wishes. The cancellation is thought to have been motivated by fear of offending the Arabs.

When word reached him of Brazil's about-face, Lahat said he felt he should cancel his trip to Brazil and return home. He asked the Foreign Ministry's opinion, and at first, he said, the ministry also felt that the trip should be cut short.

But later the ministry asked him to go on to Brazil, on the advice of Israel's ambassador in Brazilia, who felt that cancellation of the visit "would be just what the Arabs want." Lahat said he "went to prevent an Arab victory and to prevent defeat of our friends in Brazil, who include Rio's mayor."

Lahat noted that the journey was fully financed by the Brazilians "and it wasn't greedy desire which made me continue on my way to Rio. I have been there before. Talk about a slap in the face to Israel, humiliation for Tel Aviv, lack of national pride, etc. is just an example of the stupid and provincial chauvinism here. We cannot operate by such standards."

Though he denies that Tel Aviv received a "slap in the face," Lahat contends that had he cut his visit to Rio short, he would have "delivered a slap in the face to that city's mayor."

Lahat signed the twin-city agreement himself; and his Rio counterpart promised to add his signature as soon as he receives the green light. Lahat is sure that will happen, though he does not know when.

Bomb-laden Egyptian airliner forced to land by Kenya air force jets

NAIROBI (UPI). — Kenya Air Force jets intercepted a bomb-laden Egyptian airliner yesterday and forced it to land at Nairobi's international airport, the official Kenya News Agency said.

The agency said the airliner, an Egyptair Boeing 707, had a cargo of 244 bombs.

The incident followed an approach by Egypt to Kenya earlier this week for permission to allow Egyptian aircraft to overfly Kenya en route to Somalia.

"Permission was refused because the Kenyan authorities were not sure of the type of cargo the planes were to carry," the Kenya News Agency said. The agency said that Egypt had, however, sent a flight through Kenya to Somalia on Monday and another two on Tuesday.

"Despite the refusal by the Kenyan Government, a fourth plane overflew Kenyan airspace today and, consequently, it was forced to land at Embakasi Airport in Nairobi by Kenya Air Force jets," the agency said.

It said Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Marzouk had told authorities here the aircraft were carrying "humanitarian goods."

West rejects Soviet human rights draft

BELGRADE (Reuter). — Western and neutral countries on Tuesday night rejected a new Soviet draft designed as a final declaration for the European Security Conference on East-West detente and human rights.

American delegate Arthur Goldberg said the new Soviet proposal lacked any substance or detail and did not ensure fulfilment of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

The Helsinki agreement, which this conference is reviewing, covers military and political detente, economic and scientific cooperation, basic human rights and other humanitarian issues. The conference, due to end by mid-February, is deadlocked and running out of time.

Goldberg said a compromise submitted recently by nine neutral and non-aligned countries was a realistic step towards a review of post-Helsinki progress and contained serious proposals to improve the way countries live up to their promises.

"The Soviet draft deals only in the most summary form with these matters, without detail and without adding strength to improving the final act (Helsinki document)," he declared.

Burly Bella fails in latest bid for office

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Flamboyant New York politician Bella Abzug suffered a narrow but surprising defeat yesterday in a bid to return to the House of Representatives.

The controversial Democrat, noted for her floppy hats and frank speech, had held a slight lead for most of the night in the battle to fill a congressional seat left vacant by the election of Edward Koch as New York mayor.

She had already been declared the winner by the city's news organizations when, just before midnight, the tide suddenly turned and Republican opponent William Green piled up a last-minute surge of votes.

The defeat could be the end of Abzug's remarkable political career. The congressional race had been described as her last attempt at winning public office.

With 99 per cent of the vote counted in the well-to-do Manhattan district, Abzug was last night about 550 votes behind Green, a former housing official and political unknown who had made Abzug's abrasive personality the issue.

Only one tiny area had not reported its tally, but analysts said it would not provide enough votes to swing the election in Abzug's favour.

For Abzug, who achieved prominence as a leader of the Vietnam war protest movement, the defeat was a shock. Supporters at her Manhattan headquarters, including actress Shirley Maclaine, had been celebrating until the last-minute turnaround. Then silence fell over the headquarters.

Abzug left Congress 18 months ago to seek the Democratic nomination for the Senate. But she lost that campaign by one per cent of the vote to the former U.S. ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who went on to become a senator.

She then tried and failed to become mayor of New York. Public concern that she might have been too outspoken for the job may well have lost her that campaign.

A burly figure with a swagger, Abzug never hesitated to speak out — even when, as her enemies claimed, she had nothing to say.

Egyptian's home in U.S. firebombed

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A firebomb was thrown at an Egyptian Embassy official's home in a Washington suburb early yesterday and an anonymous telephone caller claimed the Jewish Committee of Concern was responsible.

Police said no one was injured but the front door and porch of the home, belonging to Hussein Mustafa, were burned.

The telephone caller linked the attack to President Carter's decision to sell jet fighters to Egypt.

The caller would not identify himself, but he said he was a spokesman for the committee, a militant pro-Zionist organization.

Arab labour group drops Egyptians

KUWAIT (Reuter). — The International Federation of Arab Trade Unions (Ifatu) yesterday suspended the membership of Egypt's labour federation for supporting President Anwar Sadat's peace policies.

The decision was taken unanimously at an emergency conference of Ifatu attended by representatives of all member-states except Egypt and Tunisia, a federation spokesman said.

The Egyptian delegation withdrew from the opening session of the conference on Monday when the President of the Kuwaiti trade union federation attacked President Sadat's direct approach to Israel.

Kidnapped German turns up unharmed

MUNICH (UPI). — Dieter Huber, 30-year-old aide of Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Christian Democratic leader, turned up early yesterday and told police he had been kidnapped.

Huber, who was reported missing on Monday, told police he had been pushed out of a blue Volkswagen station wagon shortly after 2 a.m. on a road about 25 kms. outside Munich.

He telephoned police and was picked up and taken to a Munich hospital where he was treated for shock.

Huber disappeared on leaving home accompanied by his dog to go to work. His unlocked automobile was found in his underground garage near his home with the dog sitting in it.

A letter received on Tuesday by the West German news agency DPA said, "We have kidnapped the foreign affairs aide of Franz Josef Strauss. Now Strauss can show how much freedom and a human life is worth to him." The letter was signed with the initials KGS, initials which police said had no known meaning.

Leftists declare war on Italy's super-prisons

ROME (UPI). — The extreme leftist Red Brigades urban terrorists, which claims responsibility for killing a top prison administrator, threatened war yesterday on Italy's jails and jailers.

The call came in a long document claiming the Red Brigades were responsible for Tuesday's St. Valentine's Day assassination of magistrate Riccardo Palma, 63, in his car in Rome. Palma had been involved in organizing Italy's eight new maximum security prisons where leftist and rightist extremists and dangerous common-law convicts are kept.

Workers throughout Rome yesterday struck for 15 minutes and all court hearings in the capital were suspended for half an hour as a sign of mourning for Palma.

The Red Brigades document said the new super-prisons were in fact "concentration camps" in which the "Communist avant garde can be annihilated politically and physically."

It said: "The men and the prison structures themselves must be destroyed. Imprisoned Communists are prisoners of war and must be so treated. To every violation of this right we will respond with acts of war."

ARMY. — Greek women will be able to volunteer for military service — with 30 to 50 days' basic training, then specialization — for the first time under a government decree drafted yesterday.

Row over derisive word for Arabs in French election campaign

PARIS (UPI). — Racial tension became an issue in the French election campaign yesterday after a prominent majority group leader called the Arabs a derisive word in a nationwide television battle with a Communist representative.

The storm blew up after Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, chairman of the Radical Party and a man known for his friendship to Israel, accused the Communists in a televised debate on Tuesday night of treating French citizens as "Bougnoules."

"Lies, all lies," Servan-Schreiber said, rejecting the Communist programme for the March 12-19 National Assembly elections. "You are treating French citizens like "Bougnoules," he told Roland Leroy, his Communist adversary on the TV panel.

Servan-Schreiber's open use of the derisive, slang French word for Arabs was condemned by Leroy as "unworthy... of a member of the French Parliament."

Servan-Schreiber is an assembly member and a close friend of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing under whom he served as reform minister in 1974.

Civic groups, both Algerian and French, attacked Servan-Schreiber and at least one of them threatened court action. The incident helped to point up growing tension between French citizens and immigrants, of whom there are nearly four million — most of them North African Arabs.

Frequent incidents between French and Algerian residents are the source of endless friction between the two governments. Even the leftist labour unions have shown little zeal in defending the rights of the immigrant labourers because of a widespread popular claim that the presence of a large immigrant minority is partly responsible for the unemployment of 1.2 million Frenchmen.

Racial friction in France involving Arab workers is in sharp contrast with France's official policy of friendship with Arab governments.

Turkish-Cypriot call for cooperation

KYRENIA, Cyprus (Reuter). — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has revealed details of his plans for this divided island, including a ministry of cooperation to help settle disputes with the Greek Cypriots.

Speaking to British correspondents here on Tuesday night, Denktash said a ministry of cooperation would help bring warring Greek and Turkish Cypriots together by singling out areas for joint action.

He also disclosed other broad details of Turkish-Cypriot proposals for the island which are expected to be submitted to the Greek Cypriots within a month. They were:

- Provisions for a stage-by-stage approach in any agreement with the Greek Cypriots.
- An immediate settlement of the territorial question. Denktash gave no indication of how much land occupied by Turkish Cypriots he was prepared to hand to Greek Cypriots but said the territorial issue should be decided once and for all.

The Turkish Cypriots, outnumbered four to one, have occupied 36 per cent of Cyprus since the Turkish military invasion in 1974.

Denktash said he may fly to Ankara for talks with Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit before presenting his proposals to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. If Waldheim considers they offer a basis for negotiations, he will convene inter-communal talks for the island's political future.

Bandits shoot man, leave their loot behind

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An employee of Champion Motors, Ltd. was shot in the head by two robbers who waited for him in Ramat Gan yesterday as he approached a bank to make his daily deposit. They took his briefcase, which contained IL1m. in cheques and cash, but it was later recovered in the bandits' car.

Police say the robbers had apparently followed the man's movements for several days. Shortly before noon yesterday, the victim parked his car in Rehov Shilo and was on his way to Bank Hapoalim when two men sprayed tear gas in his face. They grabbed the briefcase and when he tried to resist, they shot him in the head. The victim, whose name has not been disclosed, is in serious condition in Beilinson Hospital.

The bandits ran across Rehov Herzl, and got into a grey car which was waiting at the curb. As it pulled away, a bystander threw a stone through the left side of the windshield. The men stopped the car and escaped on foot, leaving the briefcase behind.

FOR POLLUTING Eilat harbour two and a half years ago, the owners of the Liberian tanker Hexagram were fined IL60,000 yesterday in the Beersheba Magistrate's Court.

Ireland isolated by telephone strike

BELFAST (UPI). — Post office managers booted Ireland's striking telephone technicians out of the international exchanges yesterday and said they hoped to reopen some telephone and telex lines later in the day.

But government officials and businessmen said they remained concerned that the week-old strike, which has severed the republic's international communications lines, could cause serious layoffs in industry, disrupt commerce and wreck the country's multi-million pound tourist industry.

Some factories have established temporary headquarters in Brussels or Northern Ireland to take orders and compile market information for ferrying back to Ireland. Private businessmen are flying into Belfast or driving across the border to place telephone calls to clients outside the republic.

Meanwhile, union chiefs for the 400 post office engineers warned there was no sign of settlement to the strike over better pay and a change in working conditions. The strikers, backed by the All-Ireland Congress of Trade Unions, were scheduled to reopen their talks with government ministers later yesterday.

Post office managers entered the telephone system's international exchanges yesterday with court eviction orders charging the engineers with sabotage. The striking technicians denied the charge, but officials who surveyed the equipment after their eviction said crucial fuses on the international circuits had been blown.

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The average Egyptian, in his characteristically docile way, has few expectations of economic advancement. (R. Yisraeli)

SADAT'S ECONOMIC HEADACHE

Tales of ineptitude and bungling

By ASHER WALLFISH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

EGYPTIAN journalists whom I met in Cairo reacted with scorn when I suggested that their country's economic burden had played an important role in persuading President Anwar Sadat to launch his peace initiative last November.

Not at all, they said. Economic problems did not prevent Sadat ordering his army to war in 1973, and they will not prevent him doing so again, if need be.

Egypt's economic burden was much heavier in 1973 than it is today, these journalists claimed. However, Western experts hold that the situation has become worse since then, not better. They say that even if Sadat has peace, one single generation will be far too short a time to get this country out of its economic morass of over-population, underdevelopment, indebtedness and negative trade balance, to mention only a few of the ills that beset it.

President Sadat's *Infitah* economic policy, or open door to foreign investors, as it is called, has had only partial success. *Infitah* was conceived as the logical accompaniment to his domestic programme of ditching socialism and reintroducing economic liberalism after the austere Nasser era.

Many foreign investors who came to scout out the land went away again, declining to invest, because of the heavy-handed bureaucracy, the inefficiency, the problems of corruption, and the low productivity.

At the same time, some important entrepreneurs did remain to do business.

NO LESS THAN about $400m. of aid moneys offered by the United States, which were not taken up during the last budgetary year, were lost to Egypt, according to one American economist I talked to in Cairo. This, he claimed, was because the plans for the various projects were not approved in time, thanks to bureaucratic ineptitude.

Some $200m. of the credits offered by another country were not taken up, because the investors from that country were put off by the bungling they encountered, as well as by the military and political uncertainties in the region.

A food gift worth $25m. gave rise to friction between Egypt and the donor country. I was told over a cup of coffee in one of the embassies. Egypt agreed to accept the free gift, provided the donor country paid for shipping the goods to Alexandria. Then, because Alexandria harbour was crowded, it took two months to unload the goods. Egypt sent the bill for demurrage to the donor country. It refused to pay, and is still arguing the matter with the Egyptians.

MEANWHILE, thanks to the economic liberalization, many rich Egyptians who emigrated during the late President Nasser's crackdown on private property and business, have been coming back. Others, who smuggled their wealth abroad, have been repatriating it.

This has spurred economic activity. But it has also led to the rapid accretion of wealth on the part of those who can turn their capital over in the economy profitably. It has led to conspicuous consumption on the part of a tiny minority, before the eyes of the vast majority who are below the poverty-line or barely above it.

The income gap has widened, therefore, since President Sadat took office. It is mainly because the average Egyptian, in his characteristically docile way, has few expectations of economic advancement and class fluidity that this income gap has not created much tension.

The only grave, active unrest came in January 1977, when big price rises on subsidized commodities were announced. In the wake of the riots, the rises were cancelled, and Saudi Arabia agreed to grant $2,000m. for another year.

The proposal for the price rises had been made by a team of Western economists. Several Western diplomats I talked to said that a reimposition would again cause serious trouble.

TO COPE WITH the inevitable upward creep of prices, low-grade civil servants will this year receive the customary annual pay rises as well as a cost-of-living allowance, the Egyptian Cabinet decided last week.

In some years, the cost-of-living allowance was deducted from the pay rise. The "Egyptian Gazette" described the double-benefit decree as "financial aid for 25 per cent of all government employees."

Meanwhile, senior civil servants and other high-income earners will also get a break during 1978, because their tax-free income threshold will be raised to £E600. (One Egyptian pound is roughly equivalent to $1.50.)

While some Egyptian middlemen have been getting richer thanks to foreign capital coming in, others have been implementing government development schemes, and netting profits.

Osman Ahmad Osman, the President's brother-in-law, has become the largest building contractor in the Middle East, let alone Egypt. His signs are to be seen on construction sites all over the country. He earned handsome dividends rebuilding the destroyed Suez Canal cities.

After the Yom Kippur War, Sadat appointed Osman as his minister of reconstruction and housing. But it did not take long before a public outcry persuaded the president that the appointment looked unethical, and he was replaced. Since then, Osman's business has fared just as well.

According to Western diplomats in Cairo, the case of contractor Osman Ahmad Osman can be duplicated many times, by others who skim the cream off the top of the economic liberalization programme.

KING OF THE ROAD

By FAY DORON

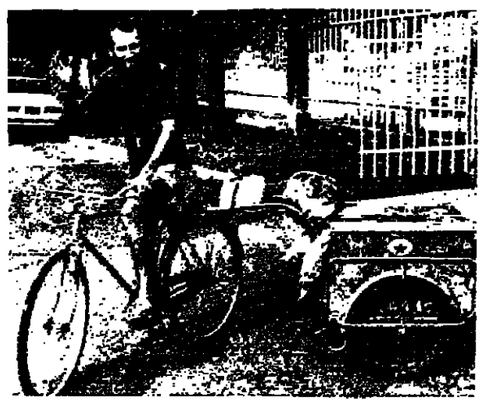
OFF-THE-CUFF translations have their pitfalls, as President Carter's interpreter in Poland would no doubt agree, and even those pored over by the experts, like Resolution 242, are not without trouble where the definite article is concerned. So the idea suggested in a letter we have received is not devoid of merit.

It is, in short, that the participants in the Middle East peace talks should take joint lessons in Esperanto in Geneva. The letter, written in French, goes on to say that if both parties concerned study Esperanto together this would not only avoid errors in translation — which could be fatal to the cause of peace — but would create the ties of friendship and respect which always result from common work for a positive purpose.

The letter is signed "Le roi Parzival, Chevalier du Velo Ecologique." Now, we're not quite sure what an ecological bicycle is, in contrast to a non-ecological one, but we do know a little about Parzival (after consulting the Britannica). Without mentioning Parsifal (since Wagner is still *verboten* here), the Arthurian knight, said by some to have found the Holy Grail, is described by Chretien de Troyes in the French version of the legend as being the epitome of "uncouth innocence."

That was somewhere between 1179 and 1191 CE. Today's King Parzival, whose letter was posted in Abidjan, is a 35-year-old Swiss who is knight-erranting by bicycle from Switzerland to South Africa. There he hopes to marry an authentic black princess, abolish apartheid and promulgate a new constitution based on racial equality. His kingdom will adopt Esperanto as its language.

We don't find anything uncouth about all this, only a rather touching innocence and a touch of Galahad ("My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure"). Serge Redevin (that is the Knight of the Bicycle's real name) has already cycled 6,000 kms. across seven countries — France, Italy, Tunisia, Algeria, Niger, Upper Volta and the Ivory Coast, where he is apparently resting temporarily.



Le roi Parzival, Chevalier du Velo Ecologique

His letter bears an impressive blood-red seal but in the corner there are the sad words, "Could not get this through the press agencies. I think it is important. I hope you can publish."

We couldn't resist the appeal.

Dutch branch of the Red Army

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

THE OLD HOUSE set in the bleak countryside around the tiny Dutch village of Nieuweroord in the province of Drenthe looks like a farm building, derelict but innocent enough. In fact, it is the headquarters of Holland's Red Resistance Front, a branch of West Germany's Red Army Faction, more widely known as the Baader-Meinhof Group.

The owners of the farmhouse are Adriaan ("Adri") and Franciska ("Ciska") Eeken, both of them elementary school teachers. But in addition to their praise-worthy profession, the couple are the "sponsors" of Ludwina Janssen, now serving a six-year sentence in Israel for having entered the country in September 1976 on a mission for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Now that Janssen has been behind bars for almost a year, the Eekens have broken their self-imposed silence about their non-educational activities. In a TV interview on international terrorism broadcast by the BBC on January 30 and in a much longer interview in the February 4 issue of the Dutch weekly "Accent," the couple readily admitted having received military training in a PFLP camp in South Yemen in 1976. (It was this illustrated weekly, edited by Hans Knoop, which tracked down Pieter Menten, the Nazi war-criminal.)

The Eekens had previously denied Janssen's confession to the Israeli security services that they had been at the South Yemen training camp with her. This denial, made "in order to protect Ludwina," was no longer necessary, they said. At the same time Adriaan Eekens continued to refute other statements made by Ludwina during her interrogation. "It is nonsense that I should have instructed her to buy chemicals for explosives. She only said this in order to save herself." He also denies that he and Ciska had anything to do with Janssen's tie-up with the Habash terrorists.

Nevertheless, the couple had been known to have been involved in suspicious activities. They had travelled on more than one occasion from their village to The Hague to visit Lucien van Hoesel, serving a two-year sentence in Scheveningen Prison for possession of explosives intended for terrorist activities. They also visited two other inmates — the two Palestinian Arabs sentenced for hijacking and blowing up a KLM plane at Schiphol Airport. This was what probably brought them into contact with the Popular Front and led them to organize a group of 13 young Dutch men and women for military training in South Yemen.

Some members of this group were apparently involved in the fighting in Lebanon and were killed. Ciska Eeken stated in the interview that "those Dutchmen who fought together with the Palestinians in Southern Lebanon died for a good cause."

The Eekens had been active members of the pro-Arab Netherlands Palestine Committee during 1975 and 1976, though they resigned (or were forced to resign) once their names were published in connection with the arrest of Ludwina Janssen. Ciska Eekens told the "Accent" interviewer that her contacts with the Middle East had been on a purely personal basis and undertaken on her own responsibility. "I am now continuing my activities for the Palestinian cause outside the Netherlands Palestine Committee," she said.

The Palestinian cause is not the only one for which the Eekens underwent military training. They have every intention of using their expertise in Europe. "After engaging in the struggle through pamphlets and wall-newspapers," the Eekens announced in their interviews, "we decided it was time to acquaint ourselves with the military struggle against imperialism, which has now been transferred to Europe."

For the past year, in fact, they have been involved with the Dutch Red Resistance Front. Adriaan, in particular, has publicly expressed his solidarity with this group, notably at a public meeting held in Amsterdam a year ago to protest the European Convention for Fighting Terrorism. He was also in the forefront of a recent Amsterdam demonstration protesting against what the demonstrators termed the "murder" in prison last year of Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Carl Jaspe.

So far, however, the Eekens have broken no Dutch laws. When their farm was searched, after the arrest of Ludwina Janssen in Israel, nothing incriminating was found; possibly they had removed any dangerous material as soon as the news broke.

Impossible Zionists

WRITERS AND READERS/Sraya Shapiro

THOSE impossible Russian Zionists were never civilized enough to know what is done, and what is not done in polite international society. They insisted, for instance, on becoming a full-fledged nation in a world which, from time immemorial, was ruled by military oligarchies whose domain despises ethnic differences.

Moreover, they ignored the trend towards erasing the Jewish identity by treating the Jews as if they were an organic part of the local population. Not only the rulers wanted this; many Jews tried to regard themselves as such. The Zionists had the cheek to say that it was not, and could not become, so.

Piotr Rutenberg was one of those Radical Socialists who, at the beginning of this century, dismissed Zionism. His aim was to cut through the intermediary stages to reach real freedom in Mother Russia in one leap. His involvement in the Russian Revolution culminated in his reputed participation in the murder of Rasputin, the dreaded monk whose influence on the royal family was believed to be holding back reform in the Russian-speaking sixth of the world. At the beginning of the First World War, however, Rutenberg was an exile in Italy, planning not a return to Russia but the establishment of a Jewish army to liberate Palestine for the Jews.

"The Jews in the numerous Russian Socialist parties deal with international issues and show concern for all nations, big or small — the Poles, the Finns, the Serbians, the Armenians and the Arabs. But the national interests of the Jews are called chauvinist and reactionary. The Jewish Socialists, who call themselves 'ideologists of the Russian proletariat' fail to sense, nor do they pay attention to, the disparaging attitude which such declarations arouse in their fellow Russian Socialists"

"Socialism," Rutenberg went on in a pamphlet he wrote (in Russian) in 1915, "is international, but not cosmopolitan. Cosmopolitism is the creation of the Jews, of people of unknown parentage, homeless people who are not sure what tomorrow has in store for them. Cosmopolitism has had its day, but this day is over. We may repeat endlessly that we are 'Russian Socialists', that we are 'the Russian section of the International'; but we shall not be considered Russians, because this is not true."

Rutenberg's brochure was first published in Yiddish by the American Poalei Zion in 1915, under the signature of "Pinhas Ben-Ami." Because Poalei Zion adhered to neutrality in war, the section of Rutenberg's article urging the creation of a Jewish army to fight with the allies was deleted by the publishers. Excerpts of Rutenberg's appeal are given by Yitzhak Maor in his *"Sionistskoye Dvizhenye v Rossiyi"* (Zionist Movement in Russia), just published in Jerusalem in the "Aliya Library" series, in Russian, for new immigrants. Maor's study was issued in Hebrew a year ago.

The remarkable part of Rutenberg's argument is that, 60 years later, it still holds good in respect to Jewish Socialists even in countries where there have been Jewish Socialist Prime Ministers.

The bitterest enemy of the Zionists in Russia before and after the Revolution was the Bund, wanting cultural autonomy for the Jews, not assimilation. The Bund's idea was to take part in the Socialist reconstruction of Russia as representatives of the Jewish proletariat. During the "Kerensky spring," of 1917, between the February and the October revolutions, the Bund battled the plans for a national conference of Russian Jews until it was agreed that "Palestine" would figure on the agenda only as a minor item. It is amazing how much excitement went into the endless discussions about this agenda! One recognizes the origins of the passionate but futile discussions which mark Israel's political society today.

While the Jews argued, the Bolsheviks seized power and Zionism was banned. Efforts to continue it underground were bloodily suppressed. So was the Bund, and more radically. But not before helping the Authorities smash the Zionists.

The part played by the *Yevsektzia*, the Jewish Section of the Communist party, is reported in half a dozen pages in this 450-page book. The Yevsektzia, Maor says, was made up of young "neophytes" from the left wing of the Bund, and of "Socialists-Territorialists" who hastened to join the ruling party and offered it their services. They declared that Zionism was a form of counter-revolution which should be dealt with with an iron fist.

Urged on by the Yevsektzia, the Commissariat for Nationalities, headed by Stalin, decreed in 1919 that Hebrew was reactionary and the teaching of Hebrew a counter-revolutionary crime. The Cheka, forerunner of the KGB, persecuted the Zionists, accusing them of espionage for England. The heads of the Zionist Organization in Petersburg obtained an official document from Kalinin certifying that Zionism had not been banned by the Soviet authorities. A few weeks later, the petitioners were arrested.

Several attempts were made by Zionists abroad to achieve some *modus vivendi* with the Soviets on Zionism. Dr. David Eder went to Russia in 1921. A Zionist delegation appealed to Soviet Foreign Minister Chicherin when he was in Berlin in 1925, but Chicherin assured them that Zionists were in trouble only if they contravened Soviet laws. In fact, Zionists were systematically rounded up, deported or executed.

By 1930, the Yevsektzia, having served the authorities enough, was disbanded. Most of its leaders were executed.

Theatre group begins with Shakespeare

CURTAIN RAISERS
Catherine Rosenheimer

A NEW English-language theatre venture, The English Theatre Players, will present "An Evening with Shakespeare" at the Ohel Shem Theatre in Tel Aviv on February 19 and 22. Costumed players will present excerpts from "The Taming of the Shrew," "Julius Caesar," "Antony and Cleopatra," "King Lear," "Romeo and Juliet," "Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice."

The players hope this show will prove a jumping-off base for a professional English-language threatre group. And the four actors are backing this first show with their own funds. They are Michael Schneider, a RADA graduate who was with the Royal Shakespeare Company in England for five years before coming here; Dawn Nadel, who studied at LAMDA and worked in English rep before emigrating in 1956; Madeleine Mor, another English actress; and Edmund Jonah, who is directing the Shakespeare evening and recently played Professor Higgins in the ZOA House drama circle's production of "My Fair Lady."

IMPRESARIO Noam Semel of *Bidur L'am* has two new shows lined up for early March. Rivka Raz is currently working on a new musical, "General Rehearsal," directed and choreographed by Zadok Tsarfati, with script and translations by Dan Almagor, and also starring Sassi Keshet.

Rivka Raz recently returned from a six-year stay in the U.S., where she appeared with the Los Angeles Opera, on Broadway and on tour all over America. She will be remembered by old-timers for her appearance in the lavish musical productions of Giora Godik including the "King and I" and "My Fair Lady." The current show is a medley of excerpts from these and other musicals — "West Side Story," "Hello Dolly," "Porgy and Bess," "Oklahoma," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Cabaret" as well as two current hits, "Chicago" and "Chorus Line."

Semel's second show is an evening with singer-composer Matti Caspi, directed and written by him with Yossi Banai. The 14 songs, all set to Caspi's own arrangements, include his lyrics and some by Ehud Manor, Yonathan Gefen and others. Caspi will play the piano and have four accompanists.

Dawn Nadel and Michael Schneider as Katherine and Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew"

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Double Tel Aviv derby as League play resumes

SOCCER PREVIEW/Paul Kahn

TEL AVIV. — League football takes over from State Cup games this Saturday and features two Tel Aviv derby matches at the Bloomfield Stadium.

Tel Aviv Betar faces Hapoel and Maccabi is at home to Tel Aviv Shimshon. But the results of these matches will have no immediate bearing on the championship race, in which Netanya Maccabi leads Yehud Hapoel by two points with Jerusalem Betar and Tel Aviv Maccabi two more points behind. All the league leaders have home games and are favoured to win.

Netanya Maccabi plays Haifa Hapoel, and while Netanya has recently regained top form, the Haifa side has slipped from top of the table to ninth place. With David Lavie and Oded Machness, Netanya Maccabi can claim the league's most dangerous strikers; they have scored 33 goals, compared to Haifa Hapoel's 15 this season. Anything but a Netanya win would come as a shock.

Yehud Hapoel entertain Acre Hapoel. These teams came into the National League together two years ago. While Yehud have surprised everyone in climbing to second spot, Acre Hapoel now founder at the foot of the league, with only eight goals and eight points to show from 16 games. This strongly suggests a home win for Yehud, but I would not rule out a low-score draw.

Jerusalem Betar have been disappointing in home games this season, but last week cracked in four goals in the last half hour of the State Cup game against Holon Hapoel. Perhaps they have now found the way to score league goals as well. Hadera Hapoel have lost their last five league games, but did well to win an away cup game by 3-2 in Rehovot last Saturday. Hadera will be determined to save their place in the National League, and this will not make things easy for Betar, who must, however, be favoured to collect both points.

Tel Aviv Maccabi have been creeping to within striking range of the league leaders. The defending champions aren't nearly as impressive as they were last season. But with Vicky Peretz, Benny Tabak and Moshe Schweitzer in the attack, Maccabi could burst into full bloom any day. They appear to have the edge over Shimshon, who are one place, but four points, behind.

Tel Aviv Betar and Hapoel look more closely matched, and a traditional derby game draw is the probable result.

Beersheba Hapoel came a cropper in the State Cup last week, losing 0-3 at home to second division Petah Tikva Maccabi. Their opponents, Jerusalem Hapoel, had a similar fate in the cup last week, losing at home to Haifa Maccabi by 0-1. These two teams stand in seventh and eighth place and have the same number of points. There will probably be little in it, but Beersheba at home might be the safest bet.

The surprise results in the cup games of last week were duly reflected in the Sportoto football pool payouts, which were most unusual. Only 12 of the games on the sportoto coupon were completed, yet only two punters managed to get all 12 results right. Each of them won IL750,000. Eleven results right were worth IL27,000, ten correct won IL1,800 and even nine correct results won IL250.

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Here to film horrors

By DOMINI KEEBLE

BLOOD-chilling Damien, a child of Satan, who was a central figure in the film "The Omen," reappears in "Omen II," the filming of which has been completed (handled by Israfilm) in Acre and Belvoir. In Israel to execute the film's anticipated horrors was British actor Leo McKern and the much acclaimed director of photography of "Star Wars," Gil Taylor. The two were to be found one wet and windy night at the Dan Carmel Hotel, exhausted but hospitable.

Gil Taylor, left, and Leo McKern.

Leo McKern, continuing his role from "The Omen" as Bugenhagen, is little known in this country. "Ryan's Daughter," in which he has a major part, is currently running in Tel Aviv, and in the 60's, he starred as Cromwell in the film version of "A Man for All Seasons." To meet him is to experience Theatre.

A character actor of the old British school, McKern was attracted to the small but significant role of Burgenhagen by the mysteriousness of the old sage inhabiting the catacombs of Megiddo and by the beauty and persuasiveness of his speech.

It is McKern's first trip to Israel, for which he holds much sympathy. Work left him no time for sightseeing but ample opportunity to talk with Israelis on the production. With an enormous grin, he admitted that the only time he had satisfaction refusing a role was when he turned down "Fiddler on the Roof," insisting it should be played by a Jew!

GIL TAYLOR is a quiet, rather introverted man, surprisingly in his early 60s. Behind his quietness, one senses a rich and curious imagination. Labelling himself a frustrated painter, he has channelled his need for visual expression through the camera.

Taylor's style is to "break composition" — to change, or distort existing reality. He creates shock out of the unexpected. In "Omen II," he handles the Israel section only: the rest is filmed in the U.S.

Gil, who is also a dairy-farmer in the south of England, started his career the hard way, as an apprentice to a cameraman. His work includes the early Polanski films "Repulsion" and "Cul de Sac;" "Dr. Strangelove;" and most recently, "Star Wars."

It was during the filming of "The Omen" that director George Lucas presented Gil with some beautiful conceptual paintings of the proposed "Star Wars." First, the images had to be translated into the completely different capabilities of film. Among the many problems to be overcome was that of futuristic lighting on set. Gil took the liberty of buying 9,000 photoflood bulbs — resulting, fortunately, in an enormously successful effect.

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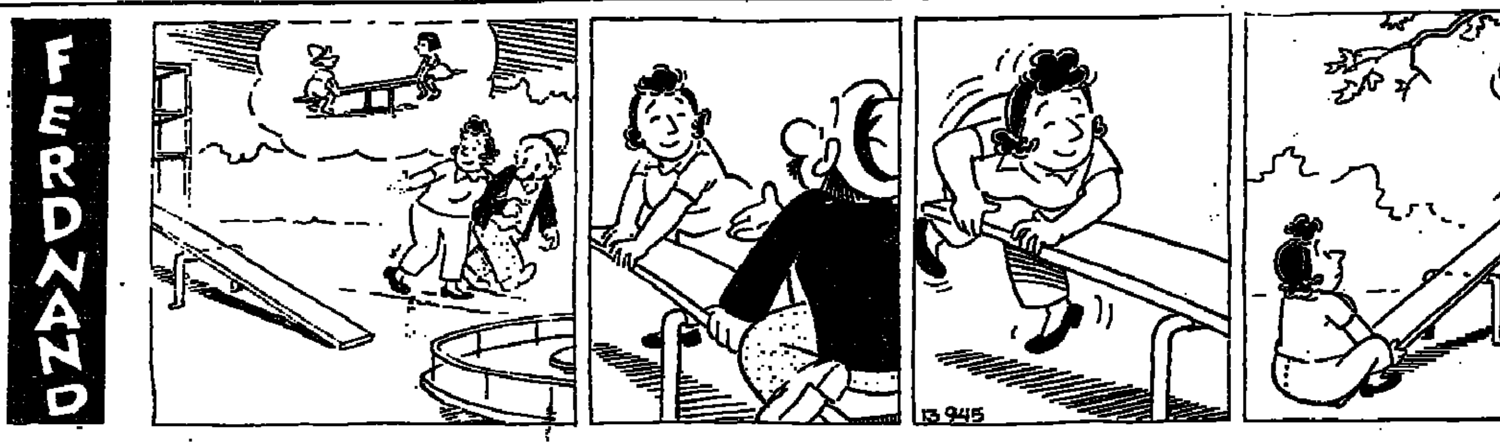

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Cartoons
18.00 What's Up: People and events in the news

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Salty: The adventures of Tim and his friend the sea-lion
19.00 I Have a Question: A panel answers complaints from the audience
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES
resume at 20.00 with The Brothers series by Eric Pace and N.J. Crisp tracing the family history of the London transport firm of Hammond
20.50 Programme Trailer
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.30 Documentary: Girl or Boy?
22.15 Roots. Part four of a twelve-part series based on Alex Haley's bestseller about his twelve-year search for his family origins. Through six generations of slaves and freedmen, Haley traces his ancestry back to West Africa, back to Kunta Kinte, the sixteen-year-old African boy who was sold in the slave markets of the New World in the 1700's
23.10 Behind the Headlines
23.50 News

JORDAN TV
(unofficial): 18.15* Cartoon. 18.30* Little House on the Prairie. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00* News in Arabic. 20.30 Upchat Line. 21.10 Bestsellers: Aspen. 22.00 News in English. 22.15* Movie of the Week
★ Shows with asterisks are also on JTV 3.

CINEMAS

Tel Aviv 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

Allenby: Cross of Iron; **Ben Yehuda:** The Farmer; **Chen:** La Menace; **Cinema One:** War of the Planets; **Hod:** This is America; **Cinema Two:** New York, New York 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Dekel:** The Turning Point 7, 9.30; **Gordon:** Rocking Horse 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Robin Hood 5.45, Two Magicians of Football 7.30, 9.30; **Esther:** One on One; **Gat:** A special Day; **Limor:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Maxim:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Mograbi:** Rocky; **Ophir:** Viva Knievel; **Orly:** Ugly, Dirty and Mean; **Paris:** 12 Chairs 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Aviv:** Clockwork Orange 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Don's Party; **Cinema Shahaff:** Lemon Popsicle 5, 7.15, 9.30; **Royal:** The Naughty Stewardnesses 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Tel Aviv:** Star Wars; **Studio:** A Purple Taxi; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Hester Street 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; **Tchelet:** Thieves; **Zafon:** Cria Cuervos

Ramat Gan

Armon: Kelly's Heroes 6.45, 9.30; **Hadar:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Lilly:** Face to Face 7, 9.30; **Oasis:** Rocky 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Ordea:** Lemon Popsicle 7.15, 9.30; **Rama:** A Virgin in the Family 7.15, 9.30. Mon. & Wed. also 4.30; **Ramat Gan:** Fire Sale 7.15, 9.30.

Herzliya

David: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly 6.45, 9.30; **Tiferet:** Thunder Lightning 7.15, 9.15

Petah Tikva

Shalom: The Spy who Loved Me 3.30, 7, 9.30, Tues. 3.30, 9.30

Netanya

Esther: Tommy 4.30, 7, 9.15.

Haifa 4, 6.45, 9

Amphitheatre: This is America: **Armon:** La Menace; **Atzmon:** Bobby Deerfield; **Chen:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Miron:** Emily; **Moriah:** Nightcomers 6.30, 9; **Orah:** Star Wars 4, 6.40, 9; **Orion:** La Boutique de Plaisir; **Orly:** The Yellow Submarine 6.45, 9; **Peer:** Annie Hall; **Ron:** Don's Party; **Shavit:** The Eagle has Landed 7, 9, Mon. 7.

Jerusalem 4, 7, 9

Arnon: Ransom; **Eden:** Chatterbox; **Edison:** Mergem Veogullati; **Habirah:** Logan's Run 4, 6.45, 9; **Jerusalem:** I will, I will... for now! 7, 9; **Orgil:** The Pom Pom Girls; **Mitchel:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Orion:** Star Wars 4, 6.30, 9; **Orna:** Last Cannibal World; **Ron:** A Special Day; **Small Auditorium, Binyenei Ha'ooma:** West Side Story 4, 6.30, 9.30; **Semadar:** Dr. Zhivago 8.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 Morning concert — The Faithful Shepherd; Haydn: Cello Concerto (Daniel Saffran); Songs by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Grieg (Ely Ameling); Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 5 (Richter); Tchaikovsky: Francesca da Rimini (Dorati)
10.35 Arabic lesson
11.00 Lesson in Halacha
11.35 Argentinian folk music
12.05 (Stereo): Bach: Sonata No. 6 for Violin Solo (Robert Davidovich); Brahms: Four Serious Songs (Yanulla Pappas, Arieh Sachs); Ysaye: Sonata No. 5 for Violin Solo (Davidovich)
13.00 (Stereo): Noon concert — Weber: Potpourri, Op. 20 for Cello and Orchestra; Music from Turandot; Symphony No. 1; Invitation to the Dance (Bernstein)
15.55 Notes on a new book
16.05 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra plays American music — Ives: Decoration Day (Lukas Foss); Barber: Invocation and Dance from Medea (Sidney Harth); Lukas Foss: Orpheus 1972 (Jamie Levin, viola; Lukas Foss); Leonard Bernstein: The Age of Anxiety (David Bar-Ilan, piano; Lukas Foss); Aaron Copland: Milly, the Kid (Shalom Ronli-Rikilis)
20.15 Music magazine
21.00 Everyman's University — philosophy of science
21.30 Talmud lesson with Dr. Avraham Arzi
22.05 (Stereo): The Happy Station with the Netanya Orchestra, conducted by Laszlo Rooth, Bibiana Goldenthal, Louis Garb, Meir Rimon, the Philharmonic Wind Quintet
22.30 Artists of Yesteryear — Jacques Thibaud, Pablo Casals, Alfred Cortot
00.05 (Stereo): Musical Miniatures

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs
14.10 Stage and Screen — songs from musicals
15.05 Sephardi songs
16.10 "Any Questions?"
17.10 Telephone quiz, prizes
18.05 "Matter of Time"
18.43 Sports commentary
19.00 People and events in the news
20.05 My Father's House: Benyamin Cohen, head of Nes Harim local council talks about his childhood
21.05 Folk songs
22.05 Magazine on health and medicine
22.30 Hebrew songs
23.05 Just Between Us — Gideon Lev-Ari talks about current problems with listeners

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Amos Shapira and Dr. Baruch Bracha lecture on the "Fundamentals of Public Law in Israel"
9.05 Morning Party — Music; "Red Line" — Listeners may call 03-822292 the moment something newsworthy happens
12.05 Songs, regards
12.45 Fifteen Minutes — a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world
13.05 Hebrew songs
13.30 "5708" — 30 years ago today — live recording
14.05 Hebrew hit parade
18.05 Weekly magazine on economics
18.57 Programme announcements
19.05 Magazine on culture and entertainment
19.50 "5708" (repeat)
21.05 Tonight's Star — Donna Summer
21.30 University on the Air — Lecture on the "Fundamentals of Public Law in Israel" (repeat)
23.05 Psychologists and psychiatrists try to solve listeners' problems
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Pnina Bat Zvi

THIRD PROGRAMME:
Light music from 6.00 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily, with an interruption for the news.

NEWS IN ENGLISH
7.00 (Fourth, Fifth) *
14.00 (Fourth, Fifth) *
18.00 (Fourth) *
20.00 (Fourth) *
22.00 (Fifth) *
00.30 (Fifth) *
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FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS

French
7.15 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 min. including review of Hebrew press
14.30 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.30 (Fifth) 25 min.
24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
Yiddish 6.25, 18.30 (First)
Hungarian 19.15 (Fifth) 15 min. Saturdays (First) 30 min.
Rumanian 6.30, 19.45 (First)
Russian 6.20 (First), 19.15 (First, Fifth)
Georgian 6.10 (First), 18.15 (First, Fifth)
Ladino 6.35 (First), 20.00 (First, Fifth)
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to Nahariya: 6.20, 9.06*, 13.14, 16.06, 17.29.
to Beersheba & Dimona: 15.37.

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1345 El Al 146 Mexico, Montreal, Zurich
1350 Austrian 711 Vienna
1445 El Al 564 Teheran
1450 Lufthansa 604 Frankfurt
1505 TWA 800 Washington, New York, Paris
1515 El Al 016 New York, London
1545 Thy 824 Istanbul
1805 Swissair 332 Zurich
1815 El Al 316 London
1825 Cyprair 302 Larnaca
1835 TWA 810 Kansas, Chicago, Boston, Paris, Rome, Athens
1850 British Air 484 London
1855 Olympic 301 Athens
1925 El Al 358 Frankfurt
2035 El Al 324 Paris
2140 El Al 542 Athens
2145 El Al 338 Amsterdam, Zurich
2210 El Al 378 Copenhagen
2215 El Al 518 Johannesburg, Nairobi
2225 Air France 132 Paris, Lyon
2335 El Al 386 Rome

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0650 El Al 563 Teheran
0700 Swissair 333 Zurich
0710 TWA 811 Rome, Paris, Boston
0720 El Al 315 London
0740 Air France 193 Paris
0800 El Al 001 New York
0810 KLM 526 Amsterdam
0820 El Al 337 Zurich, Amsterdam
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0900 El Al 015 London, New York
0910 TWA 881 Athens, New York
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1020 El Al 323 Paris
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1700 El Al 541 Athens
1840 Sterling 306 Rhodes, Copenhagen
1915 Cyprair 308 Larnaca

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MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Arie Navon, caricatures, Illustrations; American Quilts; Israeli Artists 1977; Paris After Abstraction; The Sensuous Line: Jules Pascin Drawings; Johannes Itten; What is a Self-portrait?; Miniatures of Vehicles from the Tibor Reich Collection (Paley Centre, near the Rockefeller Museum); Paintings by Children from the Public Schools of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
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MISCELLANEOUS

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Pinchas Chen Gan; Egypt — First Encounter (Israeli photojournalism); Selection from the Museum's Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Giorgio Morandi: Etchings; 20th Century Italian Paintings in Israel Art Collections, Milton Glaser, Graphic Design. Visiting hours: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.); Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.), Sat. 7-11 p.m.

Ha'aretz Museum Tel Aviv
1) **Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv:** Glass Museum; Ceramics Museum; Museum of Science and Technology; Museum of Ethnography and Folklore (Judaica); Alphabet Museum; Nechushtan Pavilion — Timna Excavations; Tel Qasile Excavations; Museum Library; Lasky Planetarium (Demonstrations daily, at 9, 10, 11, 12 p.m. Tuesdays also at 7.15 p.m. Sat. at 10.30, 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.)
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3) **Museum of the History of Tel Aviv-Yafo** (27 Rehov Bialik)
4) **The Israel Theatre Museum** (3 Rehov Melchett)
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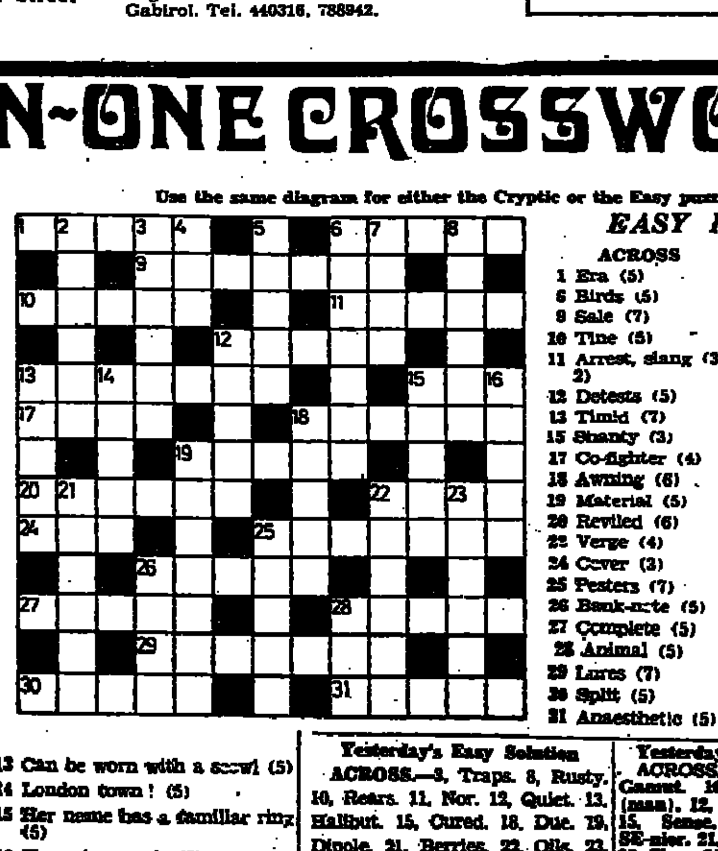

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Spare weapon? (5)
6 It goes on the bed like lightning (5)
9 For music, you need luck (7)
10 Move the current way (5)
11 He *admits* being possessive? (5)
12 Heavy-hearted comic (5)
13 Will's supplement (7)
15 Vehicle smashed by Ted (3)
17 A whopper, but it's only right (4)
18 Like the demand for fig-leaves (6)
19 It grows in time, long though it may seem (5)
20 Like a capital letter (6)
22 Provide music and song at the piano (4)
24 Clever in a grisly sort of way (3)
25 Places for wine merchants, we hear (7)
26 Tory's tale? (5)
27 Little gem of a scene? (5)
28 Though shining, didn't stand out (5)
29 Stops in the police force (7)
30 They sustain misguided males (5)
31 The old-fashioned tasty centre bakers put in (5)

DOWN
2 By a boy or someone (6)
3 One with some daft blonde? (6)
4 It's bad going up a hill (3)
5 Nevertheless, has intoxicating possibilities (5)
6 He's a white man, the noble fellow (7)
7 Used a chopper on a chicken out West (4)
8 Before the bus, the "underground" (6)
12 Cause of many a drunken ride? (5)
13 Can be worn with a scowl (5)
14 London town! (5)
15 Her name has a familiar ring (5)
16 Keeps in corsets (5)
18 Cash for spiders? (5)
19 Their advice brings people to high places (7)
21 Where Al's expert (6)
22 An appealing thing to say (6)
23 They may be in conflict with a miser (6)
25 Just the nasty type to go up the wall (5)
26 Shut up, you beast! (4)
28 Pen a bit rusty? (3)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Era (5)
6 Birds (5)
9 Sale (7)
10 Tine (5)
11 Arrest, slang (3, 2)
12 Detests (5)
13 Timid (7)
15 Shanty (3)
17 Co-fighter (4)
18 Awning (6)
19 Material (5)
20 Reviled (6)
22 Verge (4)
24 Cover (3)
25 Pesters (7)
26 Bank-note (5)
27 Complete (5)
28 Animal (5)
29 Lures (7)
30 Split (5)
31 Anaesthetic (5)

DOWN
2 Package (6)
3 Pet bird (6)
4 Embrace (3)
5 Creep (5)
6 Gaffer (7)
7 Burden (4)
8 Ill in bed (6)
12 Moist (5)
13 Deadly (5)
14 Audibly (5)
15 Throng (5)
16 Varieties (5)
18 Tree (5)
19 Merciful (7)
21 Churchman
22 Self-centred person (6)
23 Furrow (6)
25 Commence
26 Run away
28 Insect (3)

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—3, Traps. 8, Rusty. 10, Rears. 11, Nor. 12, Quiet. 13, Halibut. 15, Cured. 18, Due. 19, Dipole. 21, Berries. 22, Oils. 23, Boil. 24, Benefit. 26, Spades. 29, Tag. 31, Titan. 32, Retorts. 34, Riled. 35, Tot. 36, Sting. 37, Bread. 38, Snake.
DOWN.—1, Lunar. 2, Strides. 4, Rout. 5, Precis. 6, Set up. 7, Creek. 9, Sol. 12, Queries. 14, Bur. 16, Robot. 17, Dealt. 19, Deleted. 20, Moist. 21, Bleat. 23, Bigotry. 24, Benign. 25, Fat. 27, Piety. 28, Darns. 30, Attar. 32, Reek. 33, Roe.

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS. — 3, ... Gamut. 10, M-ida-s. 11, ... (man). 12, Cut up. 13, ... 15, Sense. 18, ... SE-nior. 21, Orde-red. 22, ... 23, Shoe. 24, Compact. 26, ... 29, Ole. 31, Elsie. 32, ... 34, Le-a-nt. 35, Ess. 36, ... 37, Try-st. 38, Scale.
DOWN. — 1, Wages ... Min-star-d. 4, Sham. 5, ... 6, Ripen. 7, Lass-O. 9, ... Came-lot. 14, Mi-D. 16, ... 17, Er-R-ed. 19, ... Prose. 21, O-a-sis. 23, ... 24, Cheese. 25, All. 27, ... Giles. 30, Verse. 32, G-... Nay.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

USINESS & FINANCE

EL AVIV STOCKS

Shares and debentures suffer severe setback

EL AVIV. — There appeared to be ry little support for the falling ices yesterday as both shares and nvertible debentures suffered a vere setback. Volume for the se- nd day in a row continued to rise d reached the IL70.3m. mark.

Commercial banks showed a lative measure of stability, though me issues did fall rather sharply. scount "A" shares, for one exam- e, fell by 30 point to 550. The 15 per nt Mizrahi Bank convertibles were ellers only" while the bank's No. 2 tions tumbled by 13.5 per cent to 5. Hapoalim, in the wake of highly arper earnings, was unchanged.

Mortgage bank issues also were ry soft. Premium issues such as neral Mortgage and Tefahot fell avily.

Insurance companies, favourites mutual funds and the more serious vestors, showed losses in the order about five per cent.

Land development and real estate ares fared no better. Losses were recorded in both quality and secondary issues.

The new issue of Pax Exploration is once again selling near its issue price. The shares dropped yesterday by four points to 101.

Industrials also were among heavy losers. Nechushtan (B) lost a full ten per cent. Electric Wire and Cables dropped more than eight and a half per cent.

Investment company issues followed suit as losses continued.

The index-linked bond market continued to improve.

After the market closed the Central Bureau of Statistics announced a 2.3 per cent rise in the consumer price index.

Most Active Issues

Hapoalim (B)	484n.c.	IL1,429,000
Pax Exploration	101-4	IL875,000
I.D.B.	418n.c.	IL754,500
Shares traded:		IL70.3m.
Convertibles:		IL7.1m.

Share index, down 1.84%, to 86.44

		15.12.78	14.12.78
LLAR-LINKED BENTURES			
- Dead Sea	b	2100	2121
- Dead Sea Junior	r	810	805
Electric Corp. B.	r	537	545
RCHASE IN LLARS			
llis 22		114.5	112.5
of L. LINKED incipal and interest)			
sorp. 1966 (1)	b	1067	1051
sorp. 1967 (1)	b	1042	1021
. 1968 (41)	b	495	491
1969 (41)	b	378	375
. 1969 6.5% (66)	b	534.1	542.9
. 1969 6.5% (91)	b	448.6	448.6
TIONALS			
. 296	b	502	502
. 313	b	480.5	493.5
. 4% (3001)	b	358.8	359.8
Mizrahi (2)	r	242.5	255
Leumi (5)	b	288	288
Delek	r	142	158
Disc. Inv. (72)	b	215	225
NKS, FINANCIAL TITUTIONS			
ar Hityashvut	r	315	320
.B. pref.	r	785	785
.B. Bankholding	r	413	413
on "A"	r	492	508
count "A"	r	550	580
ted Mizrahi	b	240	249
oalim	b	489	484
mi "A"	r	391	391
, Mortgage	b	448	460
. & Mortgage	b	264	274
sing Mortg.	b	270	281
ahot 8% pref.	b	380	413
ahot	b	375	395
av		320	320
. & Dev. 8% pref.	r	129	141
ah	r	578	620
neh Insurance	b	465	455
ar — "C"	b	608	608
		520	550
AL ESTATE, ND DEVELOPMENT CITRUS			
rim	r	227.5	227.5
ica Israel IL10	r	830	850
- Land Dev.		195	206
Solel Boneh 10% pref.		280	290
Property & Building		263	270
Isras		270	271
Mehadrin		850	850
I.C.P. Citrus	r	830	854
Neot Aviv	r	345	347
Pri Or Ltd.	b	505	611
Rassco - 8% pref.	r	150	153
Rassco	r	131	138
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance - B	r	1180	1280
Elco - 2.5	b	286	286
Electra - 5	r	255	260
Argaman - 8%	b	192	192
Ata - C	r	126	126
Dubek	b	600	610
Elec. Wire & Cable	b	128	131.5
Teva	r	510	545
Chem. & Phosphates	r	268	262
Lewin Epstein		320.5	320.5
Moller Textile		175	175
Paper Mills	r	332	332
Assis "B"	r	169	160
Nechushtan 8% pref.	b	890	990
Elite	r	324	325
Shemen - 8% pref.	b	180	189.5
Frutarom	r	108	114
Polgat	r	327	333
Elron IL2	r	416	430
INVESTMENT COMPANIES			
Elgar		208	228
Ellern	b	350	370
Israel Central Trade	r	735	770
Hapoalim	b	336	341
Paz	b	214	229
Wolfson - IL10	b	151	155
Ampa	r	122	122
Discount	b	392	400
United Mizrahi	b	295	310
Bank Leumi		415	430
Piryon	r	284	299
Hassuta-Foreign Trade		142	157.5
Export Bank	r	153	155
Clal	r	241	242
Clal Industries		172	191
FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES			
Naphta OTC	r	617	650
Lapidoth OTC	r	885	931
Jordan Exploration	r	627	660
Jordan Warrants		1099	1165
Delek C	r	289	304
Israel Electric Corp.	r	280	280

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o	18⅝	Gen Motors	58	Pan Am	5
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ood news fails to lift Dow

W YORK (AP). — The stock ket sagged in a dispirited session erday, leaving the Dow Jones in- rial average hovering around its est levels for nearly three years.

e Dow was off more than two ts half an hour before the close. rs outpaced gainers by about a n to four margin among New Stock Exchange-listed issues.

st before noon, when the Dow down about five points, coal industry officials agreed to President Carter's call to resume negotiations with striking mineworkers. But the market managed only a weak and partial recovery on that news.

It also failed to produce much response to an increase in the quarterly dividend from $1.05 to $1.15 a share by American Telephone and Telegraph, the most widely-owned U.S. corporation, with nearly three million shareholders.

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ng	30.9797	30.7626
Fr.	8.3916	8.3328
an Fr. (10)	4.9533	4.9156
sh Kr.	3.4363	3.4123
h Fr.	3.3118	3.2886
Kr.	2.8093	2.7896
an Sh. (10)	10.6372	10.5627
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	7.7062	7.6322
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Fr.	1.9130/40	per $
n Fr.	32.41/4250	per $
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Fl.	2.2315/30	per $
	240.25/40	per $
Fr.	4.8470/00	per $
Kr.	5.7150/65	per $
h Kr.	4.6723/33	per $
gian Kr.	5.4405/15	per $

rice: $178.00/8.75

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	1 mos.	3 mos.	6 mos.
	1.9275/289	1.9256/267	1.9210/221
	2.0789/794	2.0822/847	2.0877/432
$	1.9037/047	1.8830/840	1.8515/540

Yosef Atia, 23, a student at the Tadmor Hotel Training School, prepares his prize-winning fruit cocktail, using Sabra liqueur. The Sabra Company is sponsoring a competition among student chefs in Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Japan and the U.S. Atia, who began his studies only four months ago, will represent Israel at the International competition to be held in a few weeks in New York.

Demand for Shenkar grads exceeds supply

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At least 70 per cent of the 509 graduates of the Shenkar Fashion College, since its opening in 1970, work in the fashion industry. Others go abroad for advanced study in the field and enter the industry when they return home. The demand for graduates far exceeds the supply.

This is the rosy picture which Prof. Gad Allon, president of the college, painted for economic writers here yesterday.

"When I speak to buyers at the Fashion Week, they tell me the level of Israeli production has gone up in the last five years. I know I can't take all the credit for Shenkar; the industry and its policy-makers have done fabulous things. But it is a fact that there are a total of 76 Shenkar graduates working in many of the 99 firms exhibiting at Fashion Week."

Shenkar currently has 300 students in the field of textile technology, textile chemistry, industrial management, fashion designing and textile designing. Some are working toward certification as technicians and practical engineers; others follow a three or four-year course (depending on the particular field) for a Bachelor of Technology degree.

Shenkar, whose operating budget is IL11m. this year, is supported by the textile industry with matching Government funds. Money is raised from friends abroad for development and for scholarships for needy students and cash prizes for exceptional ones.

Research done at Shenkar has resulted in new products, Allon added, including a simplified process for making decorative threads, patented as Shentex.

Dr. Alex Lerner, Chairman of Shenkar's board of governors, announced that the board, 40 of whose 100 members come from abroad, will hold meetings next Sunday and Monday.

Sunday's meeting will be held at the Polgat company in Kiryat Gat and will emphasize the relationship between the college and industry, including the absorption of Shenkar graduates. Monday's deliberations will be held at the college in Ramat Gan.

Liechtenstein richest nation of the West

VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN (AP). — Man for man, Liechtenstein has emerged as the wealthiest nation of the Western world, a government publication said recently.

The highly industrialized principality of 24,000 recorded a Gross National Product of Fr. 660m. in 1976, for a per capita GNP of $11,055, said an official economic survey.

Neighbouring Switzerland, according to Swiss bank computations, had a per capita GNP of $9,320 in 1976, the U.S. $7,865, West Germany $7,255 and Japan $4,920.

The survey showed that the Liechtenstein GNP increased by more than 500 per cent since 1960. The average annual growth was 33.4 per cent, likely to be unmatched anywhere in the world.

"The flow of capital to Liechtenstein also has assumed important proportions," it said, with the three banks' cumulative balance sheet total of Fr. 2.6b. at the end of 1976, more than ten tines that of 1960.

Bank secrecy was especially tight, added the survey, as Liechtenstein had no double taxation agreements with any foreign country beside Austria, excluding the passing of tax data.

With a maximum rate of 17.85 per cent, the income tax burden also ranks internationally among the easiest.

The survey gave no details on the letter box companies, privately estimated to number between 20,000 and 30,000, which are registered in Liechtenstein by foreigners as tax-saving devices.

Although most of these companies pay only the minimum tax of Fr.1,000, $500 per year, they provide more than one third of the total fiscal revenue, thus helping Liechtenstein to one of the world's few balanced national budgets.

Make the law clear

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset should publish an everyman's explanation in simple language for every law which it passes on the final reading, Mordechai Wirshubski (DMC) wrote yesterday in a letter to Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.

This would help the citizen understand the laws by which they have to abide, the MK wrote. Most laws as passed can only be understood by lawyers, he complained.

Wirshubski is himself a lawyer by training.

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EREZ	350.19	334.23	—1.26

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Invested capital earns less now, study finds

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post eporter

New business investment, which is not expanding, may soon begin to fall, many economists fear. They cite findings by the Institute of Productivity Research, a unit of the Productivity Institute.

According to the findings, the proportional weight of capitalization in income from commercial enterprises fell sharply last year, continuing a downtrend that began in 1974.

Last year, the Productivity Research Institute found, labour costs absorbed 96.6 per cent of gross income in the commercial sector, which meant that capital investment earned a mere 3.4 per cent, on the average.

In 1976, labour's share was 88.9 per cent, and in 1974 — 73.1 per cent.

The economists attribute the reduction in the earnings of capital to the recession that has been plaguing Israel's economy in the past few years.

As a result, profitability of invested capital has plummeted. The only way to maintain new investment in the face of reduced earnings, the economists say, is to offer cheap credit to investors, to make up for the low rate of return on invested capital.

Indeed, the National Budget — prepared jointly by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, states that were it not for Government-subsidized credit and outright grants, investment in the private sector would have fallen by even more than it has so far — 25 per cent annually.

Economic experts insist that capital is carrying a substantial part of the burden of the recession, and that price increases are not compensating investors for their capital investments at the pre-1974 rate.

One of the reasons for the drop in invested capital profitability is the fact that since 1971 exploitation of capital has been contracting — between 12 and 14 per cent between 1971 and 1974, and by seven per cent since 1974.

Insurance branch hit by NEP

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The New Economic Policy and the abolition of currency controls have created serious problems for the insurance industry, Eitan Avneyon, director of the Association of Insurance Companies told economic correspondents here Tuesday. The main problem was the infiltration of the local market by foreign-based insurance companies.

Avneyon also opposed the opening of dollar-based insurance plans here and allowing Israelis travelling abroad to take out insurance policies there.

Avneyon said that the Association had recently proposed to the Insurance Comptroller a number of amendments to the Insurance Law. These include allowing the Comptroller to exercise tighter control over the industry. To enable him to do this, manpower in the Comptroller's office should be increased.

Speaking about the insurance branch in general, Avneyon, who is the director of the Histadrut-affiliated Hassneh insurance company, said that the industry here is becoming more sophisticated. Damage awards and insurance losses were greater now, and the insurance branch was not prepared for that, he said.

The Association of Insurance Companies has decided to increase the range of reductions in property insurance premiums for automobiles. This will include the possibility of receiving up to 50 per cent reduction after five years without claims. Up to now, the maximum was 35 per cent after six years. Sole drivers of cars will receive a reduction of up to 17 per cent, while cars driven by two drivers will get a 12 per cent reduction, instead of ten per cent as previously.

Israel Dvir, deputy chairman of the vehicle insurance department of the association, who gave these figures, said these steps were taken in the face of an alarming number of motorists who took out only the obligatory third-party insurance, but not property insurance.

The insurance companies also may reduce the premiums for drivers who agree to a higher deductible ceiling. The rebate for those who do not drive on the Sabbath or holidays may also be increased.

Promoting industrial diamonds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The industrial diamond branch here is only in its infancy and there is room for more plants in this growing industry, Mrs. Adina Perlman, manager of the Asher Perlman Industrial Diamond Co., told *The Post* yesterday.

She said that her company, the sole distributors here of the De Beers industrial diamond division, was trying to promote this branch of the diamond industry. For this purpose, a one-day conference will be held today at the Sheraton Hotel here devoted to the development of the industrial diamond industry.

At present there are only six or seven plants here which handle industrial diamonds. The biggest is Toolgal, of kibbutz Degania Aleph. The newest is located at Kiryat Arba. The branch last year exported $4m. worth of goods.

U.S.-Soviet trade is down 28%

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet-American trade for the first 11 months of 1977 totalled only $1.6b., down more than 28 per cent from the same period in 1976.

The U.S. commercial office in Moscow reported that two-way trade between the two superpowers totalled $1.674m. between January and the end of November 1977, down 28.4 per cent from the 1976 total of $2.33b. in the same period.

American exports to the Soviet Union totalled $1.4b., off 32 per cent from 1976's $2.1b. American agricultural exports at $934m. were down 32.5 per cent from the 1976 figure.

The U.S. purchased $222m. worth of Soviet goods during the January-November period, posting a modest 8.8 per cent increase over 1976.

The top American export items sold to the Soviets included wheat, $81m., corn $330m., soybeans $154m., computer tape, rice, filtering equipment and molding machinery.

American purchases from the Soviet Union included fuel oil $42m., palladium $23.6m., aluminum scrap $21m., industrial diamonds, naptha, petroleum, platinum, nickel, crude oil, and chrome ore.

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Clever is not wise

TO SOME DEGREE it is true, as Washington officials insist, that U.S. policy in the Middle East remains "unchanged." It could even be argued that in some vital respects it has undergone no basic mutation in several decades.

Early in 1956 Secretary of State Dulles proposed to sell — under a veil of secrecy, before the truth came out — a few score light tanks to Saudi Arabia. Though light, those were the most powerful engines of land warfare in the area in the mid-1950's.

Israel protested the peril to its security from such arms supplies to the Arabs. The U.S. promptly countered with public assurances that the tanks were only designed for "legitimate self-defence" and for "the defence of the area as a whole." And with whispered remarks that the tanks would be useful in keeping the Saudis cool towards the Russians.

At that time the weapons Israel was receiving from the U.S. were not much worth writing home about. That is patently no longer the case. Over the past decade, the U.S. has provided, largely free of charge, a major portion of the country's heavy defence armoury.

The debt of gratitude to the U.S. for helping Israel in adversity should be openly and unstintingly acknowledged, and never more so than in the heat of controversy over American arms policy.

Yet the fact cannot be ignored that some old, and deplorable, ways of thinking about the uses of U.S. military hardware in the Middle East have not died out.

President Carter now proposes to sell Saudi Arabia 60 F-15's, presumably to bolster Saudi defences against neighbouring radical Arab states; as well as 50 F-5E's to Egypt, in recognition of President Sadat's disengagement from the Soviet embrace and his initiative for peace with Israel; and, in addition, 75 F-16's and 15 more F-15's to Israel, to provide the Jewish State, in Secretary Vance's words, "full confidence in its ability to assure its own defence."

Whether this package will in fact inspire such confidence in Israel is an open question.

The U.S. President's advisers are surely aware that Saudi Arabia cannot now, or in the near future, absorb the full complement of the "air superiority" aircraft it will shortly be receiving. These Saudi planes, like those with which Libya is being so bountifully supplied by certain European countries, are bound to find their way to the battle front in any future Arab war against Israel.

As Premier Begin rightly said in the Knesset yesterday, the stocking up of Saudi Arabia with the F-15's makes that country into a front-ranking confrontation state.

The aircraft with which Egypt is to be provided (with Saudi money) are less of a menace to Israel. They will be fewer than the Egyptians have requested (the Saudis, on the other hand, are to be granted their full purchase list.) But they mark a shattering break with the previous policy of not furnishing even a friendly Egypt with offensive weapons. A potentially most dangerous precedent has thus been established.

The value of the planes Israel is due to receive under the package deal must not be underestimated. But the numbers approved are reduced from an already scaled down Israeli application. By making sure that such weapons will be doled out on a piecemeal basis, and in disregard of the spirit of earlier commitments, the U.S. is putting Israel on notice of the political price that will be exacted for them

What officials in Washington may not have realized is that the new U.S. arms policy is likely to stiffen the Israeli posture in the peace talks. For example the Government must now take a fresh close look at the new danger lurking in the southeast — and its possible impact on the disposition of Sinai. The credibility of the U.S. as an independent mediator, too, has not been very much enhanced.

On the face of it, the "package deal" may be a clever idea. By being presented as a package, it is calculated to defeat the opposition of Israel's friends in the Congress. Yesterday's vehement remonstrance against it by the Soviets should, in American eyes, be a recommendation.

Clever is not, however, a precise synonym for wise.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE organization is based in Atlanta, Georgia, and its members are all fundamentalist Baptist Christians. But we don't think that President Jimmy Carter is behind "Goyim for Israel," as the group is called. Its members chose the name themselves, using proudly the Biblical Hebrew word for "gentiles."

GFI, whose motto is "I will extend my hand and heart to Israel," sends out promotional material, bumper stickers, sew-on patches, buttons and a newsletter supporting Israel. Called "The Fig Tree" and describing itself as a "pro-Israel, pro-Jewish Christian publication opposing bigotry and anti-Semitism," the newsletter quotes articles from *The Jerusalem Post* and features stories on Jewish customs.

One of the pamphlets cites the New Testament in support of the group's "Greater Israel" stance — "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria..." (Acts 1, 8).

J.S.

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LISTENERS to Israel Radio's early morning news broadcast in English will miss the familiar opening words "And here is the news read by Arieh Segal." After a quarter of a century of newsreading, Arieh Segal has retired.

At a farewell party given by his colleagues in the English department, his cover was blown, and he was discovered to be Harry Sabel, a senior official of the Jewish National Fund who for 25 years had been moonlighting in the dawn hours, on his way to his office desk. In a nostalgic mood, and with characteristic optimism Harry recalled two dramatic announcements that he had brought to the microphone: the discovery of oil at Heletz, and the end of fighting in the Yom Kippur War.

Harry's calm delivery and comfortable English accent will be missed over the breakfast coffee and morning newspaper.

S.M.

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A COLLEAGUE of ours in Tel Aviv brought her children up to Jerusalem the other day. On the way to the Western Wall, she told them about the age-old Jewish tradition of writing a prayer on a scrap of paper and inserting it in the crevices.

The youngest daughter, not quite five, *wailed tragically* that she couldn't write.

"Well, make a drawing of your wish."

"But I want to wish for peace. How can I draw peace?" the child asked.

Then she thought for a bit and came up with an idea.

"I know what to do. I'll draw a picture of Begin and Sadat — with their mouths closed."

And that's what went into the highest crevice she could reach.

M.M.

SEVERAL readers have responded to an item in this column on the derivation of the term to *daven* (pray).

They suggest that it comes from the Hebrew word *dovev*, to whisper or move the lips gently. It is used in this latter sense in the Song of Songs (7.10) but can also be taken to describe the way in which Jewish prayers are said.

One of our readers points out that in old German-Yiddish, the verb "to pray" was *oren*, which originated from the Latin *orare*.

WHILE Knesset Member Flatto-Sharon is toying with the idea of helping 20,000 "Black Hebrews" to come to Israel from the United States, at least one authentically converted Black rabbi is happily heading an Orthodox synagogue and yeshiva in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

An article in a recent issue of "The Jewish Week-American Examiner" describes Rabbi Avraham R. Coleman and his congregation. Formerly a Baptist minister, the rabbi was converted 15 years ago and became a fully ordained rabbi in 1972 "in order to help 'legitimate' Black Jews." He claims that there are only about 1,500 properly converted Black Jews. The others, he says, "have not been converted according to Halacha, are largely ignorant of Jewish customs and many use rhetoric that is racist, if not downright anti-Semitic."

Rabbi Coleman, his wife Rose and their eight children live in a converted three-family house. The living room, writes Andy Edelstein, is dominated by a portrait of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The yeshiva and synagogue function in the basement. The rabbi's congregation (Kollel Zichron Rabbi Eliezer Meskin) is "integrated," and includes 20 Black families, Spanish-speaking converts and Jews "with limited backgrounds."

The rabbi, who wears a fur *streimi*, also edits a newspaper called "Ha-Olam," geared "to show other Blacks what our legitimate position is, what our relationship is to Israel and what Israel's relationship is to Africa."

He rarely encounters any prejudice in the Orthodox Jewish community as a whole "but there are many Blacks who are anti-Semitic and have spewed their venom at me." He thinks that Jews should marry among Jews and adds that "Halachic criteria have nothing to do with skin colour." He advises parents to tell children that "we're all descendants of Abraham, whether we were converted in 1977 or are direct descendants and have a longer lineage." And he concludes, "The Torah is colour-blind." *M.K.*

A liberal approach

The chairman of the Likud faction in the Knesset, Avraham Sharir, talks to MARK SEGAL.

THE ENERGETIC Liberal chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, Avraham Sharir, does not accept the proposition that his half of Gahal (yes, it still exists) has abandoned foreign and defence affairs to its Herut partner, focusing solely on economic policy-making.

He points out that ever since the days of the General Zionists (predecessors of the Liberals), they have always put the emphasis on the economy. But that did not mean that they took no interest in defence and foreign affairs. Indeed, they are proud of their pragmatic and undogmatic approach to this major area of the national life.

However, he was ready to concede that some Liberals had become extremist of late. If, for example, a decision were to be made to hand back part of the West Bank, he was not at all sure how some of his fellow Liberal MKs would behave.

"Our party has not voted on these matters for some time; but I do agree that we have shifted more to the extreme than hitherto," he admits.

The 15 Liberal MKs certainly support the government peace plan. But, says Sharir, if all the outstanding issues on the West Bank, the Golan Heights and Jerusalem were to be settled, with only Yamit and the Rafiah Approaches proving an obstacle, "then it was more than likely that the Liberals would support those cabinet ministers favouring compromise." He was very doubtful about that happening, however.

No lily-livered liberal he, Sharir is very tough-minded on the Shilo incident and the way the authorities have allowed Gush Emunim to get out of hand.

"It was a mistake from the very start. It has embarrassed the government, and to no purpose. It should not have been allowed in the first place. The entire incident has done nothing but harm to the country's interests."

Asked what further action he would recommend, the Likud faction head declares: "The Gush Emunim group should be removed without delay."

Nevertheless, he was prepared to admit that, "with the right guidance, they might contribute a lot of good to our country. They have idealists among them. But if they insist on challenging the government like this, then without any compunction, they should be dealt with with an iron hand."

SHARIR WANTS the government to demonstrate that it does govern, and, to this end, he urges the immediate dismissal of Tat-Aluf (res.) Bar-On, the aide of Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon for settlement *in the territories*.

"It is simply not good enough for

Avraham Sharir (IPDA)

the minister only to censure his aide for having the temerity to tell a radio interviewer that 'settlements are more important than the peace talks'."

Sharir regards this kind of thing as "very, very serious indeed." Bar-On *should have been dismissed* forthwith, he declared, arguing that a censure did not repair the damage done. "Only his dismissal could crush the seed of suspicion that someone in the government is fostering another policy altogether. We cannot afford to have a government within the government."

Together with Herut's Haim Corfu, Sharir is co-chairman of the coalition executive, but they have decided to alternate the job between them. (Herut and the Liberals provide co-chairmen for all top forums of this kind.)

He firmly denies that the coalition is falling apart, and says he hopes that Pesah Grupper will follow his advice and withdraw his threat to resign his position as coalition whip.

He holds that the original "small coalition" of the Likud, the NRP and the Aguda is working very well, with only a small minority like Geula Cohen and Moshe Shamir making trouble. What does bother him is the attendance record of some members of the Knesset; the level of absenteeism at voting time must be reduced and sanctions may have to be introduced.

The DMC poses another problem, he agrees, recalling how he asked Premier Begin to reopen coalition talks with Prof. Yadin. His fellow Liberal MK, Avraham Katz, "used to protest that the Likud government would fall if the DMC did not come in. Well," he commented sardonically, "we seem to be falling once a week with them inside." He is heavy-*hearted over the DMC's voting* record, deploring "their behaviour as outsiders, not integrating themselves into the coalition."

ACCORDING TO Sharir, 45, the Knesset is a very unsuitable place to work in.

"It was built as a showplace. Pity, the designers never thought of the people who have to work inside it," he remarks caustically, noting that whereas faction offices are sited on the fifth floor, his own office is down on the first floor with the committee rooms. "So I cover many kilometres of floor space every day," he says.

As his wife Rivka attests, the hard-working caucus chief has little time for family life. They live with their four children, 14 to 20, in one of the Neve Avivim tower blocks in Tel Aviv's Ramat Aviv quarter.

He would like to introduce a number of reforms into Israeli parliamentary life. "The Economist" has put the Knesset working capacity fairly low on a world parliamentary scale. Sharir believes that members could put in more hours. The plenum should sit longer than its 11 hours a week. He would also recommend more work for its committees. He is ready to attend more than one weekly meeting *of the Finance Committee*, for example.

The absenteeism he so deplores often results from the outside interests of MKs, and that is why he wishes to table a bill limiting their extra earnings (apart from writing and lecturing) to 25 per cent of their income.

"I refuse to acquiesce in a situation where there are two kinds of MKs, those who work hard and those who do not," he declares. He enumerates the time-consuming obligations which every public figure must fulfil, from party meetings to public discussions. If on top of these a legislator has outside work commitments, then he is unable to carry out his duties properly.

So far, the Likud has refrained from sanctioning his measure, so Sharir is contemplating going ahead with it as a private member's bill. He has a co-sponsor in Labour's Adiel Amorai.

BORN AND BROUGHT up in Tel Aviv, Sharir joined the General Zionist movement as a youth. He became a party member at the age of 18, and it was there that we met his wife. ("The best thing the party ever did for me," he remarks fondly.) While studying at the Hebrew University Law School in the mid-'50s, he served as secretary to the party Knesset faction, and was admitted to the bar in 1960.

After four years in independent law practice, he went to New York to be director of the Jewish Agency's special middle-class immigrant *operation (since merged into the* Aliya department). Back home by 1967, he became the first director of the *Lishkat Hat'um*, the roof organization of employer organizations, and then returned to the U.S. for some years with the foreign service.

His first assignment was as consul for economic affairs in Atlanta. Jimmy Carter was then governor of Georgia, and as he was wont to travel abroad, drumming up trade and investments for his state, Sharir tried to persuade him to go to Israel to attend the 1973 Economic Conference.

"To my way of thinking, having the Governor of Georgia and his contingent at the conference would have altered its complexion. So I cabled Avraham Agmon (then Finance Ministry director-general) with news of Carter's acceptance. I was shaken at the reply: 'Don't mix politics with business.' I then realized that Agmon and the other Sapir men in the Treasury were prejudiced against me because of my political background. When I pressed Agmon his second reply was: 'Put Carter off.' I argued that it wouldn't cost the Ministry one penny, and tried to explain how important Carter was in the South. Agmon's answer was a blunt: 'No, we don't want him'."

Finally, however, Agmon gave in and the invitation was not cancelled. Carter went to Jerusalem but received a less than warm welcome.

"I pleaded with Agmon to seat the Governor on the platform, but he refused, and they put him way back in the hall," Sharir recalls, still blushing with embarrassment at the memory of the ineptness and pettiness that prevailed at the time.

He found great warmth for Isra in the South, especially in the Bibl belt, and gives an example. It wa when he called on General Truma (Harry Truman's cousin), who wa head of the State of Georgia's Trad and Commerce department. As the parted, the general told him: "Co sul, don't give back an inch of soil. Later he learned that the gener had devoted his college thesis to study of Zionism.

In 1972, he was transferred to L Angeles, where he learned that th Jews who are so prominent in th movie industry are willing to dona money to Israel but not to d business there.

IN 1974, Sharir was called back take over the Liberal Part secretary-generalship. Last year h served as deputy to Ezer Weizman running the Likud election cam paign.

As a central figure in the Liber Party, Sharir is well aware of th problems entailed in th Herut/defence — Liberal/econom dichotomy, and that any failings the latter field will be laid at his pa ty's door.

"It is impossible to change this overnight. I fear we are going to blamed or praised for results on t domestic front. Our big test will the wage agreements. But we ha to tackle hidden unemployment a labour mobility if we want to put t economy on a healthy basis.

"The Likud has to act swiftly a ensure that the right kind of peo are put in executive positions," warns, "otherwise we may wake one day and find out that our polic are still only on paper."

Dry Bones

READERS' LETTERS

AN AMERICAN JEW VIEWS THE SITUATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your statesmen have always contended that Israel's deepest wish is to be accepted in dignity and peace by its Arab neighbours. Judging by Begin's statements and the results of recent polls taken in Israel, it is evident that most Israelis are unwilling to extend any offer of dignified treatment or attitudes to Egypt or to the Palestinian Arabs. It appears that what Israel wants far more fervently than peace is to recreate what you consider to be the heydey of Israel's Biblical period, plus a few pieces of the Sinai for good measure.

How can you present any historical claims to territory and be, at the same time, so completely insensitive about Egypt's claims on the Sinai? The Yom Kippur War demonstrated that such settlements can be more of a military liability than an asset, and certainly relocating 3500 people would be much less traumatic and expensive than burying twice that number, as might well be necessary if you fight another war.

It is inconceivable that peace with Egypt can be achieved if these settlements are not relinquished, and surely you realize that. All American Jews I have spoken to believe that Israel is claiming perpetual control of these settlements merely as a negotiating tactic. I hope that view is correct.

It is fully just for you to refuse the formation of a Palestinian Arab state until and unless normal and peaceful relations can be established and maintained with such a state and until and unless it is guaranteed somehow that the PLO and the Syrians do not assume power there. To refuse "forever" in order to pursue a religious and national quest for glory cannot be justified.

What upsets me the most about Israel's single-minded pursuit of national and religious glory, and the way this pursuit has created a blind spot for the basic rights and dignity of the West Bank Arabs, is that it is so completely in keeping with traditional nationalist strivings. I really thought that the indignities and abuse that Jews have suffered for so long would make Israelis more cognizant of the humanity of others.

Frankly, Begin's statements have convinced me that, under his leadership, peace between Israel and Egypt is no more possible than it was when Nasser was Egypt's president. Begin has said many things which reveal that he is insensitive and small-minded towards anyone not Jewish, and is particularly oblivious to Arab sensibilities. He is a living, breathing, double standard, and usually sounds far more like a dogmatic high priest than like a head of state.

I should stress that I am not an American new-left type of Jew who has always been against Israeli policy (and even existence) on ideological grounds. I have almost always supported Israel's policies in the past, feel culturally, historically and emotionally linked to Israel, and deeply want Israel to survive and prosper.

HOWARD HOCHMAN
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FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — While acknowledging that incidents S. Yizhar describes in his stories actually happened, columnist Moshe Kohn maintains that this is not the time to screen "Hirbet Hiza," because "the best way to uphold democracy and freedom of expression is by exercising responsibility."

I would remind Mr. Kohn that the reason "defenders of democracy and freedom of expression" are fond of referring to the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment is because the safeguard for freedom of speech in American Law is the "clear and present danger" test.

It was Justice Holmes (in Abrams vs. U.S., 1919) who warned: "We should be eternally vigilant against attempts to check the expression of opinions that we loathe and believe to be fraught with death, unless they so imminently threaten immediate interference with the lawful and pressing purposes of the law that an immediate check is required to save the country."

Does Mr. Kohn really believe that the screening of "Hirbet Hiza" would constitute a "clear and present danger?" Does he really believe the sky will fall in?

DAVID ISRAELI
Jerusalem

Moshe Kohn comments:

I did not write what Mr. Israeli says I wrote. I did write that I do not think that this is the time to screen "Hirbet Hiza," and I suggested that the best way for the media people to keep away the censors, thus upholding democracy and freedom of expression, is by exercising responsibility — *i.e., by showing that they*, the media people too, are aware of and take into account considerations of national interest.

And I believe that, at this time, the national interest dictates that Israel's single, monopolistic television channel do not screen the unmitigated self-accusation contained in "Hirbet Hiza" because, yes, I believe that the Israel nation faces a "clear and present danger" to its very life and to the lives of its citizens. I don't know whether the screening of "Hirbet Hiza" will cause the sky to fall in, but I am sure that it will cause the ground that is already crumbling under us to crumble further and more rapidly.

American aircraft for Egypt

ZE'EV KLEIN looks at some of the implications of President Carter's decision that the U.S. will supp Egypt with fighter aircraft.

PRESIDENT CARTER's decision to sell arms to Egypt, specifically Northrop's F-5E lightweight tactical fighter, marks the beginning of a new era in the Middle East. A change that is going to effect United States-Israel relations. Indeed, we cannot but conclude that this was one of Sadat's main objectives when he embarked on his mission to Jerusalem.

Egypt is engaged in strategic warfare against Israel; warfare that does not exclude political negotiations. The initiation of an arms relationship between the U.S. and Egypt is a function of Sadat's policy of working towards an alignment with the U.S. It is also one of the best signs of American intentions with regard to the Middle East.

Ever since the Yom Kippur War, the U.S. opinion has been an important component of Sadat's strategy. The disinclination of the Egyptian forces to venture beyond their protected air envelope during the 1973 war was more than a reflection of their lack of confidence on the battlefield; it was also a reflection of Sadat's own military and political aims.

One of Sadat's objectives in 1973 was to weaken the strong link between Israel and the U.S. The Egyptian President knew then, as he still knows, that Israel is highly vulnerable, owing to the U.S. connection, the only one it possesses. He reasons thus: Washington cannot resist the Arabs; Jerusalem cannot refuse Washington; ergo, Jerusalem is in the Arabs' hands.

Since the Americans have not been falling over themselves to fulfil his demands, Sadat has been careful not to lose three options:

• First, the military option, which constitutes one of his main threats. This means a re-alliance with Moscow (at least until the early 1980s), for it is only this particular element of the Egyptian fighting capability that frightens Washington.

Thus Sadat, contrary to his protestations, still wants to maintain the essentially Soviet character of his military structure, thereby expanding the Arab-Israeli conflict beyond its limited regional character.

• Secondly, the oil option, another of his main threats. This means complete cooperation between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It also means the constant and high-profile involvement of Saudi Arabia in the Arab-Israel conflict, thereby expanding the Arab-Israel conflict beyond its regional limits.

• Thirdly, an alliance with the U.S. Sadat has employed this ultimate pledge as the most persuasive incentive he can provide to impel the U.S. to take the actions he desires. Hence his policy of Westernizing his army translates into a quite substantial declaration of commitment to the U.S.

BY UNDERTAKING his peace mission to Jerusalem, Sadat established the credibility of yet another leverage *vis-a-vis* the U.S. His visit to the U.S. was linked directly to his stopping of the talks of the Egyptian-Israeli political committee. He confronted Washington with a dilemma: either the U.S. cooperates with Egypt or it may face the prospect of a complete breakdown of the peace talks.

But the situation is not an easy for the U.S. It is reluctant, and only because of Congressional a Jewish objections, to provide arms Egypt; yet it seems that it feels co pelled to do just that.

That the U.S. has decided to supp arms to Egypt is not surprisin what is not understandable is why has chosen to supply the F-5E figh planes. When former Secretary State Kissinger was faced with similar dilemma, he chose to prov Egypt with the C-130 transport craft, which is a "non-lethal weapon. With the sale of fighter craft, the U.S. has broken barriers; from now on m American arms will be ma available to Egypt.

Israel's task should be to ens that Egyptian military strength d not reach its peak before the e '80s. Israel should try to influe the U.S. to limit the supply of ar both in category and in quantity, to spread deliveries over a period.

But most important of all, Isr should seek to ensure that the uses the new leverage it will acq if Congress authorizes the sale of fighter craft as a means of prod Egypt into a compromise polit settlement with Israel.

The author has recently completed a of developments in Israel's defence since 1973.

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